# Information about Hungarian speech

1. A comparison between Hungarian and English phonology

| Aspect                             | Language                                  | Number                                                                                                                                                                                          | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Source                                                       |
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| Syllable-<br>initial<br>consonants | Hungarian                                 | 25 consonants                                                                                                                                                                                   | /p, b, t, d, (c), ( $\mathfrak{f}$ ), k, g, m, ( $\mathfrak{m}$ ), n, ( $\mathfrak{n}$ ), $\mathfrak{p}$ , r, f, v, s, z, $\mathfrak{f}$ , 3, ( $\mathfrak{g}$ ), ( $\mathfrak{f}$ ), ( $\mathfrak{g}$ ), ( | Zajdó (2007)                                                 |
|                                    | English                                   | 24 consonants                                                                                                                                                                                   | /p, b, t, d, k, g, m, n, $\eta$ , $\theta$ , $\delta$ , f, v, s, z, $\int$ , $\zeta$ , h, $\xi$ , $\xi$ , j, w, $\xi$ , l/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Smit (2004)                                                  |
| Consonant clusters                 | Hungarian                                 | Many consonant clusters                                                                                                                                                                         | At least 55 syllable-initial and 169 syllable-<br>final consonant clusters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Zajdó (2007)                                                 |
|                                    | English                                   | Approx. 29<br>syllable-initial and<br>many syllable-final<br>consonant clusters                                                                                                                 | Many 2 and 3 element consonant clusters in initial position including /pl, bl, kl, gl, fl, sl, pı, bı, tı, dı, kı, gı, $\theta$ ı, fı, $\int$ ı, pj, tj, fj, mj, nj, sm, sn, sp, st, sk, spl, spı, stı, skw/ and many 2 to 4 element consonant clusters in final position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | McLeod<br>(2007)<br>Smit (2004)                              |
| Vowels and Hungarian diphthongs    |                                           | 14 vowels                                                                                                                                                                                       | /i, i:, e:, y, y:, ø, ø:, ε, u, u:, ο, ο:, ɔ, a:/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Zajdó (2007)                                                 |
|                                    | English<br>(US-General<br>American)       | 14 vowels +<br>3 diphthongs                                                                                                                                                                     | Vowels: /i, I, e, $\epsilon$ , $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\beta$ , u, u, o, $\Lambda$ , $\eta$ , a/<br>Diphthongs: /aI, au, $\eta$ I/<br>(Smit also lists 5 'r'-colored diphthongs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Smit (2007)                                                  |
|                                    | English<br>(Canadian)                     | 14 vowels +<br>3 diphthongs                                                                                                                                                                     | Vowels: /i, I, e, $\varepsilon$ , $\varepsilon$ , $\varepsilon$ , $\vartheta$ , $\vartheta$ , $\vartheta$ , $\vartheta$ , $\upsilon$ , $\upsilon$ , $\upsilon$ , $\upsilon$ , $\upsilon$ / Diphthongs: / $\Lambda$ I, $\Lambda$ U, $\upsilon$ I/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Bernhardt, &<br>Deby (2007)                                  |
|                                    | English<br>(UK-Received<br>Pronunciation) | 12 vowels +<br>8 diphthongs                                                                                                                                                                     | Vowels: /i, I, ε, æ, a, ə, ȝ, u, υ, ʌ, ɔ, ɒ/ Diphthongs: /aɪ, au, ɔɪ, eɪ, ou, ɪə, εə, υə/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Howard<br>(2007)                                             |
|                                    | English<br>(Australian)                   | 12 vowels +<br>8 diphthongs                                                                                                                                                                     | Vowels: /i:, ɪ, e, æ, ɐ:, ɐ, ɔ, oː, υ, ʉ:, ɜː, ə/ <sup>i</sup> OR /i, ɪ, ɛ, æ, a, ʌ, ɒ, ɔ, υ, u, ɜ, ə/ <sup>ii</sup> Diphthongs: /æɪ, ɑe, ɔʉ, æɔ, ɔɪ, ɪə, eː, υə/ <sup>i</sup> OR /eɪ, aɪ, ου, aυ, ɔɪ, ɪə, ɛə, υə/ <sup>ii</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Harrington,<br>Cox, & Evans,<br>(1997)<br>Mitchell<br>(1946) |
|                                    | English<br>(New Zealand)                  | Vowels: /i, ɪ, ε, æ, ə, ɜ, u, υ, ʌ, ɔ, ɒ, ɑ/¹OR / i, ɪ, e, æ, a, ə, ɜ, υ, ʌ, ɔ, ɒ/ <sup>ii</sup> Diphthongs: /aɪ, aυ, ɔi, eɪ, oυ, iə, eə, υə/¹OR /ai, aυ, ɔi, ei, oυ, iə, eə, υə/ <sup>ii</sup> | Bauer &<br>Warren<br>(2004)<br>Maclagan<br>(2009)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                              |
| Tones                              | Hungarian                                 | 0 tones                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                              |
|                                    | English                                   | 0 tones                                                                                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                              |
| Syllables                          | Hungarian                                 | C <sub>(0-3)</sub> VC <sub>(0-3)</sub>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Zajdó (2007)                                                 |
|                                    | English                                   | C <sub>(0-3)</sub> VC <sub>(0-4)</sub>                                                                                                                                                          | The smallest syllable is V and the largest is CCCVCCCC strengths.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | McLeod<br>(2007)                                             |

| Stress         | Hungarian | First-syllable stress | First-syllable stress (typical)                                                                                                                                                                      | Zajdó (2007) |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                | English   | Stress-timed          | Syllables can be strong or weak. Stress also is used for emphasis.                                                                                                                                   |              |
| Varieties      | Hungarian | 10 major dialects     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Zajdó (2007) |
|                | English   | Many dialects         | Many dialects including General American<br>English, Received Pronunciation (England),<br>Scottish English, Irish English, Australian<br>English, New Zealand English, South African<br>English etc. |              |
| Writing system | Hungarian | Latin alphabet        | 42 letters with close correspondence between sounds and letters.                                                                                                                                     | Zajdó (2007) |
|                | English   | Latin alphabet        | Roman script loosely related to phonetic realizations of the consonants and vowels.                                                                                                                  |              |

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# Summaries of multilingual Hungarian speech acquisition

None known

## Studies of multilingual Hungarian speech acquisition

| Languages             | Country | Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Age of children | Total number of children (no. of multilingual children)** | Typically/<br>atypically<br>developing<br>children* | Speech<br>/language | Production/<br>perception |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Hungarian-<br>English | USA     | Bunta, F., Davidovich, I., & Ingram, D. (2006). The relationship between the phonological complexity of a bilingual child's words and those of the target languages. International Journal of Bilingualism and Bilingual Education, 10, 71-86. | 2;0             | 1 (1)                                                     | typical                                             | speech              | production                |

Note. \* Studies of typically and atypically developing multilingual children published in English were included; however, studies that only included monolingual children were excluded.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The total number of children may have included both multilingual and monolingual children, so the number in brackets provides the total number of multilingual children.