5SSEL026 – Language Construction L2 Interactive session: Sounds

In groups, try to create a new language sound which can be combined with existing phonemes into syllabic words. The sounds you can use are not limited to vocalisations.

Select a phoneme to be replaced by your sound and see how well the new sound works in longer utterances. For instance, if your sound is *, and your replaced phoneme is /t/, try words like "wai*", "*able", *i**er, and phrases like "*i**ering *ony wai*s *ables in *edding*on".

Why do you think your sound never caught on in any language-making community?