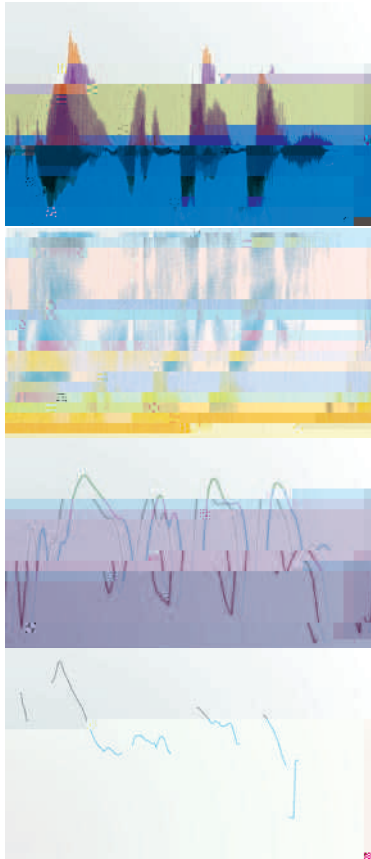


phonemes, so the /s/ at the start of 'sue' is acoustically different from the /s/ at the start of 'see', as the position of the lips anticipates the following vowel. In continuous speech, we can consider the sounds of speech to run into each other and influence each other, similar to letters in cursive handwriting as compared with printed letters¹.

Experimental evidence of the variability in speech sounds was very striking to the first researchers who were able to investigate





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