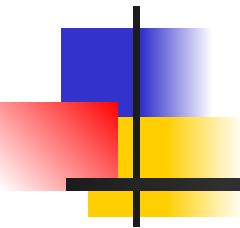
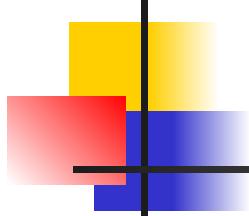


# Vowel Length in English



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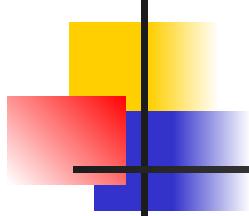
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- clear-cut – четкий
  - redundant – избыточный, лишний
  - diachronic



# Is vowel length relevant in present-day English?

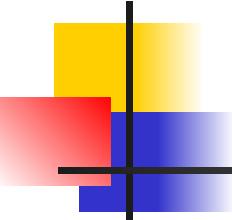
- The degrees of vowel length:
  1. long [s□: p□: k□: b□:]
  2. half-long [pi:k] [p□:t]
  3. short [p□n] [p□t]

[di:d – di:p]



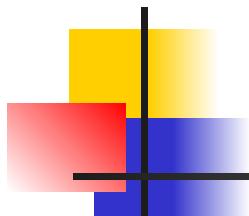
# The position of a vowel in a word:

1. an open syllable – the longest: [p□:]
2. before sonorant – shorter, but long enough:  
[si:n] [di:n] [ri:l] [□:l]
3. before voiced consonants:  
[di:d] [si:d]
4. before voiceless consonants:  
[si:t] [s□t]



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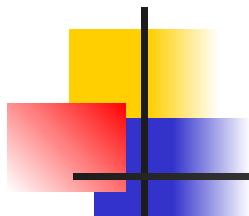
- substantiated – доказанный,  
подтвержденный
- explicable – объяснимый



# The traditional pairs of short and long counterparts

- i: - □      □: - □      □: - □      u: - □  
□: - □
- i: - □j      arbitrary – произвольный
  - [□:] – [æ]
  - [□] – [□]
  - [□] – [□]
- u - □      □ - □      □: - □:

- ample – достаточный, обильный
- prolongation [prəlɔ̃g|eɪʃn]
- constituent [kənſtjũnt] – составная часть
- contiguity [kəntigju:ti] – примыкание
- checked – unchecked (free)
- subject (adj.) [səbdikt] – подверженный

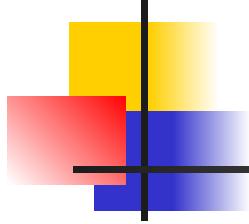


# Is only vowel quality relevant?

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- p□t – pi:t      □□p - □i:p
- bi:d - b□d      si:d - s□d

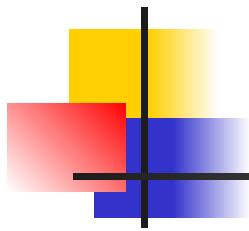
syllabification [s□□læb□□ke□□n]



## A new tendency:

[læt - læd]

latter - ladder



Thank you!