The organ of voice which also forms one of the higher parts of the AIR PASSAGES. It is placed high up in the front of the neck, where it forms a considerable prominence on the surface (Adam's apple). It contains the vocal cords, which, vibrating in different modes according to their tenseness, produce the sounds of VOICE AND SPEECH.

Diagram of the opening of the larynx to show the action of the muscles. The cords are now held together by the action of 3, 4 and 7.

Diagram of the opening of the larynx to show the action of the muscles. A horizontal section has been made at the level of the true vocal cords. The two cords are widely separated by the action of 4.
Anatomy of the larynx.

A laryngoscopic view of the interior of the larynx.