

The Sound Patterns of Language

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- phonology: The description of the systems and patterns of speech sounds

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Phonemes

Minimal pairs

/bɪt/ /pɪt/
/mæt/ /hæt/
/sɪt/ /si:t/
/sæd/ /sæt/

Minimal sets

/bi:t/ /nɪt/ /bæt/
/bɪt/ /pɪt/ /bæd/
/bæt/ /kɪt/ /bædʒ/
/bʌt/ /sɪt/ /bæn/
/bo:t/ /hɪt/ /bæk/
/bu:t/ /fɪt/ /bæg/

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Phones and allophones

Phoneme	Allophones	Features
/t/	[t ^h] (tar)	aspirated
	[ɾ] (writer)	flapped
	[t̪] (eighth)	dental
	[ʔ] (butter)	glottalized

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- Complementary distribution
- Phonotactics: permitted arrangements of sounds

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