

# The Sound System of NAE

**Segmentals**



**Consonants**

**Vowels**

**Suprasegmentals**



**Word stress**

**Sentence stress / rhythm  
intonation, etc.**

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**Phonemes =**

**sounds which distinguish words**

**/p, b/      pat vs. bat**

**Allophones =**

**sounds which are different but which  
don't distinguish words**

**[p<sup>h</sup>]      aspirated, as in “pat”**

**[p]      unaspirated, as in “spin”**

**[p<sup>0</sup>]      unreleased, as in “stop”**

**phonemes & allophones are**

**LANGUAGE SPECIFIC**