

The Sound System of NAE

Segmentals



Consonants

Vowels

Suprasegmentals



Word stress

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

Phonemes =

sounds which distinguish words

/p, b/ pat vs. bat

Allophones =

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

[p^h] aspirated, as in "pat"

[p] unaspirated, as in "spin"

[p⁰] unreleased, as in "stop"

phonemes & allophones are

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