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Chapter Four

Phonology

Phonology : is the description of the systems and patterns of speech sounds in a language.

Phonology: is concerned with ***the abstract set of sounds*** in a language that allows us to distinguish meaning in the actual physical sounds we say and hear.

Phonology analyzes the sound patterns of a particular language by:

- *determining which phonetic sounds are significant, and
- *explaining how these are interpreted by native speaker.

Phoneme: is the abstract unit or sound type (in the mind), there are many different versions of that sound type regularly produced in actual speech (in the mouth).we can describe those different versions as phones.

Phonemes are often presented surrounded by // in transcription e.g /p/ and /b/. So /p/ and /b/ are two phonemes because they can distinguish between the words *pat* and *bat* .