PHONEMES and ALLOPHONES

Phonemes are separate sounds: /p/, /s/...

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Allophones are variants or variations of the same sound=phoneme.

*** t, th are variants of /t/ phoneme.

*** n,ng are variants of /n/ phoneme.

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A phoneme is a set of allophones.

We represent a phoneme with an allophone.

Allophones are variants of the same sound.

Allophones are pronounced differently, but the meaning doesn't change.