A meaningful sound is that which will change one word into another word.

Examples

Cat and fat are two different words but there is only one sound that is different between the two words i.e. the first sound.

That means that the ‘k’ sound in cat and the ‘f’ sound in fat are two different morphemes.

2. Allophone

It is a phonetic variation of a phoneme in a particular language.

A vowel retaining the same quality throughout its duration.

Example

/p/ and /ph/ are allophones of the phoneme /p/, /t/, and /th/ are the allophones of the phoneme /t/.

3. Phone

A phone is a particular realization (pronunciation) of a phoneme.