

A2. Subject matter of English phonology

Aim: revise the main objects of phonological study: phonemes, oppositions, syllables, stress, intonation, allophones, and sound patterns.

Activity 1. Tick what phonology studies.

Item	Yes / No	Reason
Phonemes		
Grammar tenses		
Sound oppositions		
Word stress		
Sentence intonation		
Paragraph structure		
Allophones		

Activity 2. Sort the examples.

Example	Phoneme / Syllable / Stress / Intonation / Allophone
pin - bin	
TEAcher	
going up?	
/p/ in pin and spin	
class-room	

Activity 3. Fill in the concept map.

Put these terms around “English phonology” and connect them with examples: phoneme, minimal pair, syllable, stress, intonation, allophone, phonotactics.

Activity 4. One-minute quiz writing.

Write 5 quick revision questions about the subject matter of phonology. Exchange with a partner and answer.
