Phonemes and Allophones

Understanding The Difference
Definitions

- A phoneme is an abstract representation of a sound
- An allophone is a variation of a phoneme
Allophones are determined by the phoneme’s position in a word.

- Phoneme /p/ has two allophones.
- Aspirated /p/ in initial position
- Or aspirated /p/ in stressed syllable

AND

- Elsewhere as unaspirated.