Speaking vs Writing

Speaking: is systematic sounds taken in by the ear

Writing: is systematic marks which has no sounds and they are taken in by the eye.

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The type of English which will be analyzed phonetically is called the (BBC) English or General English or the RP.

**BBC English:** is the sort of English which is spoken by educated people who live in south east of England.

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English sound are different in number from the English letters.

English letters are 26 while English sounds are 44 according to O'Connor book.

The Basic sounds of English are called phonemes.

**Phonemes:** are the set of sounds that contrasts with other sets to differentiate meaning.

These phonemes represented with phonemic transcription.

**Phonemic transcription:** is the method of representing each phoneme with one symbol put between diagonal lines. As the sound /k/

They are of two types: consonants (24 in number) and vowels (20 in number)

**Consonants:** are defined as the sounds that are produced with some obstruction in the stream of air as it passes from the larynx to the lips. Ex: /s/, /m/, /w/, /ʤ/

**Vowels:** are defined as the sounds that are produced without obstruction in the stream of air as it passes from the larynx to the lips. ex: /ə/, /ʌ/.