



Main trends in phoneme theory

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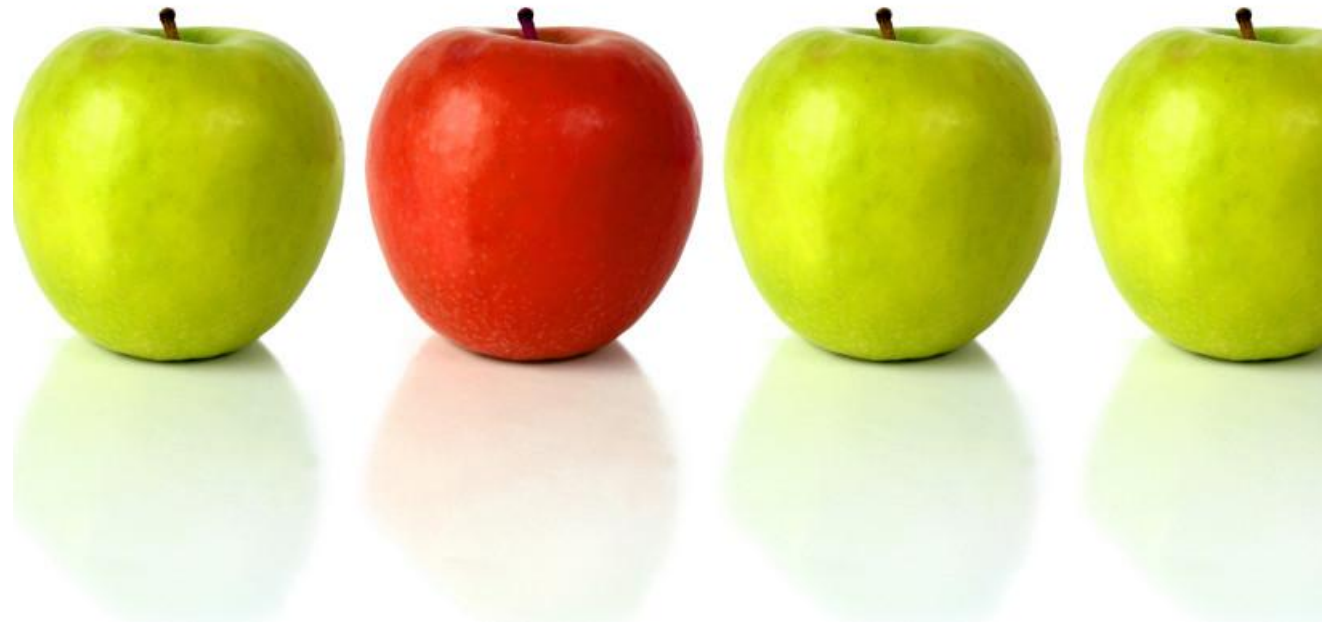
Mentalist (Psychological) View

I.A. Baudouin de Courtenay, L.V. Shcherba, E.D. Sapis, A. Sommerfelt, N. Chomsky, M. Tatham

- Phoneme – an ideal mental image
- Exist in mind but not in reality
- Speech sounds (allophones) are an imperfect and varying realization of a phoneme

De Saussure's Theory

- A phoneme is defined by its features which differ its acoustic image from other phonemes



Comprising of aspects of a phoneme

	Material	Abstractional	Functional
Mentalists <small>(I.A. Baudouin de Courtenay, L.V. Shcherba)</small>		III	
F. de Saussure		III	
L. Hjelmslev		III	
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American descriptivists	III		
Functional view <small>(L. Bloomfield, R. Jakobson, M. Halle)</small>			III