



Main trends in phoneme theory

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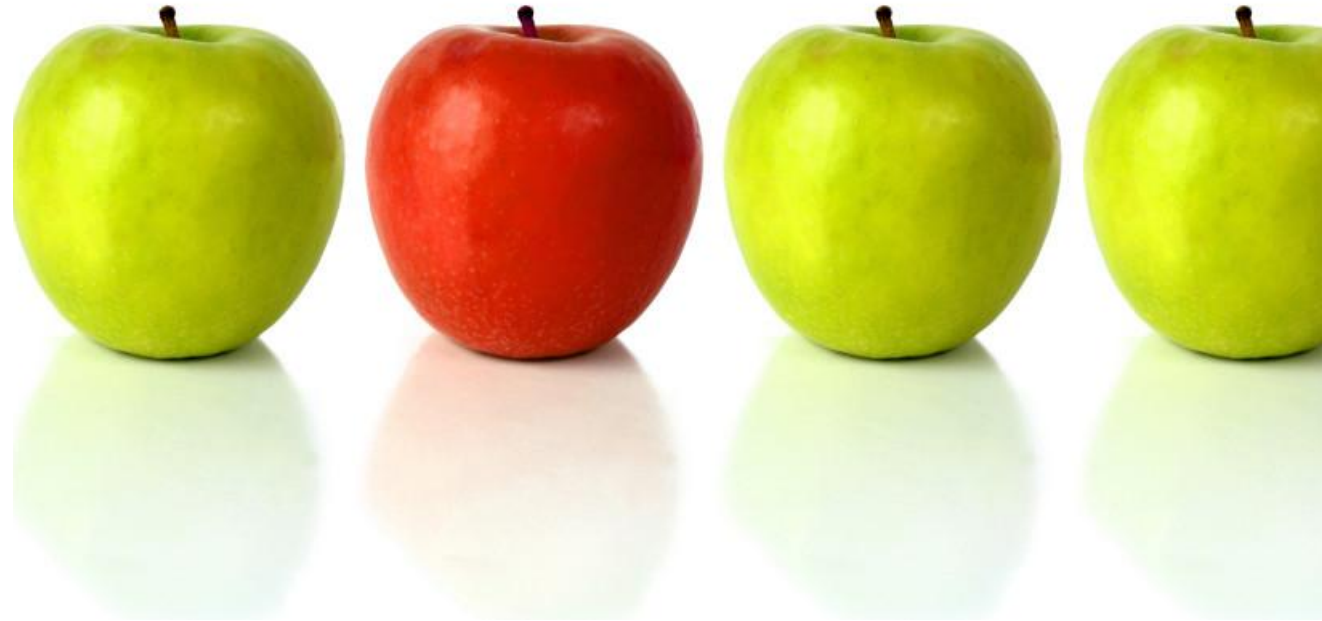
Mentalist (Psychological) View

I.A. Baudouin de Courtenay, L.V. Shcherba, E.D. Sapir, 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 (I.A. Baudouin de Courtenay, L.V. Shcherba)		III	
F. de Saussure		III	
L. Hjelmslev		III	
W.F. Twaddel		III	
D. Jones	III		
American descritivists	III		
Functional view (L. Bloomfield, R. Jakobson, M. Halle)			III