

## Unit Advice “The Sound System of PDE”



Welcome to a unit that discusses the segmental phonological inventory of English on the basis of its two major varieties, British and American English. Each phoneme of English will be presented with its individual allophonic structure.

In the content activities – where – as usual - the question sheet from the “How to proceed” section can be used as a default guide - we will first provide an overview of the varieties of English in a global context and will then deal with the phonemes and their allophones in the British variety “Received Pronunciation” and then in North American English. To make sure you have mastered everything, tick off each activity once you have done it.

The mastery test is a mixed task where you have to identify PDE phonemes in context and in isolation. But if you practice the PDE phonemes and their keywords in the content activities you shouldn't encounter any problems.

The suggestions for the in-class activities use text passages and words to point out the differences between RP and NAE. See whether you can solve these problems. You should be able to do so – after a careful study of the content.

Suggested workload: 90 to 120 minutes.