

Day 1: 🌟 Topic1: 26 Alphabet & 44 Phonetic Sounds

Lesson 1: English Alphabet Vs Phonetic Sounds

1. Letters and Sounds

- **Letters** are what we **write**.
- **Sounds** are what we **speak**.
- Written English uses **26 letters**.
- Spoken English uses **44 phonetic sounds**.

2. English Letters

- **26 Letters**
- **5 Vowel Letters:** A, E, I, O, U
- **21 Consonant Letters**

3. Phonetic Sounds

English has approximately **44 phonetic sounds**:

- **20 Vowel Sounds**
- **24 Consonant Sounds**

4. Letters ≠ Sounds

A letter does not always represent only one sound.

For example:

- **C** → /k/ in **cat**
- **C** → /s/ in **city**
- **A** → /æ/ in **cat**
- **A** → /eɪ/ in **name**

Therefore, learning **phonetic sounds** is essential for accurate English pronunciation.