EPGB in 10 days

Day 2 – Chapter 2

1. What is the difference between a character (বর্ণ ) in an English or Bengali alphabet and a symbol used to represent a speech sound ( ধ্বনি ) in a phonetic alphabet?
2. How many vowel characters, and how many consonant characters are present in the English Alphabet?
3. How many consonant sounds and how many vowel sounds are used in English Speech?
4. Why can’t we use the characters from the English alphabet to represent the sounds used in English speech? Explain with examples.
5. When we want to talk about a character of the English alphabet or an English word, how do we show it?
6. When we want to talk about a sound of a spoken language, how do we show it in a written text?
7. What is the difference by a phoneme (মূল ধ্বনি ) and an allophone (সহ ধ্বনি ) ? How do we show it in a written text? Give examples.
8. How many and which consonant sounds are common in English and Bengali speech? Write them down. Use the appropriate bracketing symbols to denote that they are sounds. Compare your answer with the list on page 10 (section 2.2). Do they match?