

Phonics Glossary

Phoneme	The smallest unit of sound in spoken language.
Grapheme	The written form of a phoneme?
Digraph	Two letters that make one sound.
Consonant digraph	A digraph representing a consonant phoneme e.g. sh, ck, th, ll...
Vowel digraph	A digraph representing vowel phoneme e.g. ai, ow, er...
Split digraph	A digraph which has been 'split' by the grapheme representing the final consonant phoneme in the word e.g. make.
Trigraph	Three letters that make one sound.
Oral blending	The skills of blending phonemes to say a word.
Blending	The skill of decoding individual graphemes, translating them to phonemes, then running the phonemes together to say the word.
Segmenting	The skill of identifying the individual phonemes in a spoken words and encoding them into graphemes.
CVC word	A 3 phoneme word which starts and ends with a consonant phoneme and has a vowel phoneme in the middle. e.g. bus, mum, shop...