

Phonics Terminology

Phoneme – the smallest unit of sound e.g. a, b, c ...

Grapheme – a written representation of a sound

Diagraph – two phonemes make **one** sound e.g. ai, ee, ch

Trigraph – three phonemes make **one** sound e.g. igh, ght

Split diagraph – two phonemes make **one** sound with another letter in-between
e.g. cake,

Segment/de-code – to break a word up into its smallest sound components e.g. c a t

Blend – to put sounds back together again in order to read a word

Repetitive – when something repeats over and over again

Vowel – a, e, i, o, u

Consonant – all letters of the alphabet except for a, e, i, o, u

CVC word – a word made up of a consonant, vowel, consonant e.g. mat, dog