

Phonics Terminology

Phonics	The knowledge of the skills of segmenting and blending, alphabetic code and how that relates to reading and spelling
Phoneme	A sound in a word / the smallest unit of sound in a word
Grapheme	A letter or sequence of letters that represent a phoneme
Segmenting	Breaking words down into their phonemes
Blending	Building words up from their phonemes
Digraph	A two letter grapheme Two letters represent one phoneme
Trigraph	A three letter grapheme Three letters represent one phoneme
Split Digraph	Where a digraph has been separated by a letter e.g. ma <u>a</u> ke <i>In English spelling there are six split digraphs</i>