



Glossary

phoneme	The smallest unit of sound in a word e.g. sh-i-p
grapheme	A letter or combination of letters representing a sound.
blend	Combining phonemes together to pronounce a word.
segment	Breaking down a word into individual phonemes in order to spell.
digraph	Two letters representing a phoneme e.g. ee
CVC	The word structure of consonant, vowel, consonant e.g. c-a-t b-oa-t
CCVC	The word structure of consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant e.g. t-r-a-p
CVCC	The word structure of consonant, vowel , consonant, consonant e.g. m-i-l-k
tricky word	A word that you cannot sound out phonetically e.g. should
high frequency	A word that appears often in written materials.
syllable	A unit of spoken language consisting of a single uninterrupted sound e.g. wa-ter
adjacent consonants	Two or more consonants usually found at the beginning or end of a word e.g. stop, last