

Phonics Key Vocabulary

Shown below is some of the key vocabulary we use at Hambrook to teach Phonics



Phoneme

A single sound that may contain 1 or more letters in.

ʃ t a y

The word stay has 3 phonemes in

Decoding

The overall process of segmenting a word into its phonemes and then blending it

Digraph

A sound that contains 2 letters in.

ay ea oi ch

All these sounds are digraphs as they have 2 letters in.

Grapheme

The letter or letters that are used to make a sound (phoneme)

oi

In the "oi" sound (phoneme), it is made up of the letters o and i

Sight Words

These are words that cannot be decoded using phonics and children have to read by sight.

Trigraph

A sound that contains 3 letters in.

igh air ear

All these sounds are trigraphs as they have 3 letters in.

Split Digraph

A sound that is made of 2 vowels with a consonant in the middle.

a – e can be used for ale, ake, ate

Blending

The process of blending together the separate phonemes in a single word.

ʃ igh t
sight

Segmenting

The process of splitting a whole word up into its separate phonetic sounds

Sound Buttons

These are the dots and lines that can be used underneath words to show individual sounds

ʃ igh t

Short Vowel Sound

The sound that the letters a, e, i, o, u make in a word eg cat, peg, hit,

Long Vowel Sound

The sound that is like the names of the vowel letters.
Eg. a as in bay