

Terminology

Phoneme – the smallest unit of sound (please use the link below for support with how we say the sounds).

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Grapheme – represents the sound (how we write it).

Digraph – two letters that make one sound. For example /sh/ /ai/.

Trigraph – three letters that make one sound. For example /air/ /igh/.

Spilt Digraph – a digraph that is split by a consonant. For example /ae/ in cake.

Blend - combining individual phonemes into a whole word. Blending is the key process involved in reading words effectively.

Segment - identifying each of the individual phonemes in a word, from left to right. This is an important first stage of writing (spelling) a word but needs to be practised orally first. Counting the phonemes is often helpful in reinforcing this process, we use our phoneme fingers to help us segment.