

Glossary of terms

Adjacent consonants two or more letters that represent two or more phonemes, e.g. 'fr' beginning the word 'fridge'.

Blend drawing together the constituent phonemes of a written word in order to read it

Digraph two successive letters that represent one phoneme, e.g. 'oa', 'ck', etc.

Grapheme letter or combination of letters that represent a phoneme, e.g. 'r', 'ch'

Phoneme the smallest unit of sound that changes a word's meaning; it can be represented by one or several letters, e.g. /a/ or /sh/

Segment breaking down the sounds of a spoken word into phonemes in order to spell it

Trigraph three successive letters representing one phoneme, e.g. 'igh'