

Phoneme

smallest unit of sound in a word

Grapheme

symbol of a phoneme, this could be one letter or a group of letters (e.g. i, ie, igh, i_e)

Grapheme-Phoneme Correspondences (GPCs)

the relationship between sounds and the letter or letters that represent that sound

Blending

building up of words from individual phonemes for reading

Segmenting

breaking down words into individual phonemes for writing

Tricky (Common Exception) Words

words that are not decodable at the child's current phonic level of understanding

Digraph

two letters that work together to make one sound (ee)

Trigraph

three letters that work together to make one sound (igh)

Mnemonic

an illustration that is designed to support children's recognition of GPCs