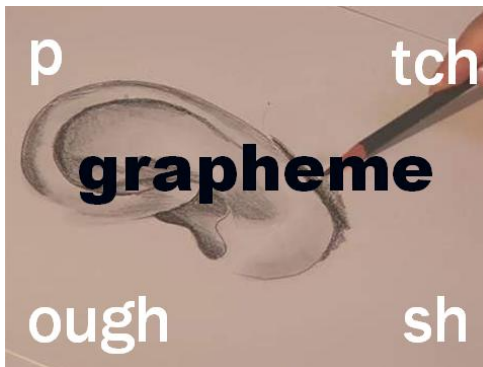


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## Key Vocabulary



**Phoneme** – A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound. There are approximately 44 phonemes in the English language depending on accent. Phonemes can be put together to make words.



**Grapheme** – A grapheme is a way of writing down a phoneme. Graphemes can be made up from 1 letter e.g. p, 2 letters e.g. sh, 3 letters e.g. tch or 4 letters e.g. ough.

## GPC

Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence



**GPC (Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence)** – Knowing a GPC means being able to match a phoneme to a grapheme and a grapheme to a phoneme.



**Digraph** – A digraph is a grapheme containing 2 letters that makes just one sound (phoneme) e.g. th, sh, ll, ea.

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**Split Digraph** – A split digraph is a grapheme of 2 letters making one sound. The grapheme is split by placing another letter in between them.

cake



**Trigraph** - A trigraph is a grapheme of 3 letters making one sound e.g. tch



**Segmenting** – This involves hearing a word, splitting it up into phonemes, using knowledge of GPCs to work out which graphemes represent those phonemes and then writing those graphemes down in the right order. SPELLING!

c/ir/c/le



**Blending** – This involves looking at a written word, looking at each grapheme, using knowledge of GPCs to work out which phoneme each grapheme represents then merging these phonemes together to make a word. READING!

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## Helping your child



LEARNING  
IS  
FUN



There are lots of ways to help your child foster a love of books and reading. Below are a few ideas to try.

- Read with your child every day. Include school reading books, comics, instructions, recipe books etc.
- Visit your local library
- Use the phonics pages in your child's home/school book to practise grapheme phoneme correspondence (GPC)
- Play spelling and reading games
  - Cut up words from newspapers and magazines into their graphemes. Mix up the graphemes then rearrange to form the word again
  - Make up alien names using a mixture of graphemes. (Use the attached sheet provided)
  - Phonics bingo
  - Complete and make up word searches
  - Play word games such a Junior Scrabble, Boggle and Hangman
- Play phonics games on the Internet
  - [www.familylearning.org.uk](http://www.familylearning.org.uk)
  - [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics/)
  - <http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/phonemeChecker.html> (Great website for learning the pure sounds)
  - [www.lettersandsounds.com](http://www.lettersandsounds.com)
  - [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Above all, remember to have fun with your child, encourage them, give lots of praise and always end on a high note.

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Cut out the following letters and use them to make 'real' words and 'alien' words.



a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x
y	z	ll	zz	ff	ee
oo	ss	qu	ch	sh	th
ng	ai	igh	oa	ar	or
ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure
er	ay	a_e	ie	ea	ew
u_e	ue	o_e	oe	i_e	ie