

ALTRINCHAM C. E. AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phonics Workshop

Phonics glossary (source The National Literacy Trust)

blend (vb) — to draw individual sounds together to pronounce a word, e.g. s-n-a-p, blended together, reads snap

cluster — two (or three) letters making two (or three) sounds, e.g. the first three letters of 'straight' are a consonant cluster

digraph — two letters making one sound, e.g. sh, ch, th, ph.

vowel digraphs comprise of two vowels which, together, make one sound, e.g. ai, oo, ow

split digraph — two letters, split, making one sound, e.g. a-e as in make or i-e in site

grapheme — a letter or a group of letters representing one sound, e.g. sh, ch, igh, ough (as in 'though')

grapheme-phoneme correspondence (GPC) — the relationship between sounds and the letters which represent those sounds; also known as 'letter-sound correspondences'

mnemonic — a device for memorising and recalling something, such as a snake shaped like the letter 'S'

phoneme — the smallest single identifiable sound, e.g. the letters 'sh' represent just one sound, but 'sp' represents two (/s/ and /p/)

segment (vb) — to split up a word into its individual phonemes in order to spell it, e.g. the word 'cat' has three phonemes: /c/, /a/, /t/

VC, CVC, CCVC — the abbreviations for vowel-consonant, consonant-vowel-consonant, consonant-consonant-vowel-consonant, which are used to describe the order of letters in words, e.g. am, ham, slam.

Why are pseudo words used in the screening check?

Pseudo words or non-words are an established assessment methodology in many schools, and are already used in many existing phonics programmes.

They are included in the *Year 1 Phonics Screening Check* because they will be new to all pupils, so there won't be a bias to those with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

Pupils who can read pseudo words should have the skills to decode almost any unfamiliar word. The evidence from the pilot showed that a significant majority of teachers agreed that including these words in the assessment was useful.

vop fut dit keb laz (pseudo)	Short vowels in CVC words
wheck shom thax phitch chud	Short vowels, digraphs, and <i>-tch</i> trigraph
stig brab qued snop dran	Consonant blends with short vowels
frep nast wunk kimp jelt	Consonant blends with short vowels
loe bine joad vay soat	Long-vowel spellings
ferm dall gorf murd char	<i>r-</i> and <i>l-</i> controlled vowels
voot rew fout zoy bawk	Variant spellings and diphthongs

Phonic sounds – (paste link into your browser)

Click on the icons below to hear how each sound should be pronounced.

If you are having trouble hearing the sounds on this page then we'd like to advise you to try using a different browser such as Safari, Firefox or Chrome.

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<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-4-games.html>