



Useful Links/Apps

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Phonics and Spelling

- Phoneme**— a single unit of sound
- Grapheme**— a letter, or combination of letters, that corresponds to a single phoneme within a word e.g. ten
- Diagraph**— a type of grapheme where two letters represent one phoneme (sound) e.g. each
- Consonants**— most of the letters of the alphabet represent consonants
- Vowels**— the letters a, e, i, o, u
- Segment**— break a word into phonemes
- Blend**— put the phonemes back together
- Compound word**— a word that contains two or more root words e.g. news+paper, ice+cream
- Common exception word (CEW)** — a word which cannot be phonetically decoded.
- Prefix** — a prefix is added at the beginning of a word in order to turn it into another word e.g. disappear
- Suffix**— a suffix is an 'ending', used at the end of one word to turn it into another word e.g. delightful
- Pseudo word**— words used to check phonic decoding skills which are not real words
- Homophone**— two different words that sound the same e.g. hear/here

How to help?

- Practise reading and spelling CEWs.
- Practise your child's spelling rule with them.
- Encourage your child to write stories, lists and letters.
- Practise key vocabulary from our topic knowledge