

Phonics Fantastic Word Mat

Learning objective: To develop an understanding of Class 3 phonics terminology to support spelling and decoding.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you with your spelling and reading. The terms are grouped into 'Building Blocks of Words' and 'Sound Patterns'. Pip the Bookworm suggests reading these aloud to practise your pronunciation!

Grapheme A written letter or a group of letters...	Phoneme The smallest unit of sound in a word...	Digraph Two letters that come together to make one sound...
Trigraph Three letters that come together to make one sound...	Split digraph Two vowels that work together to make one sound...	Syllable A single beat of a word. For example, 'cat' has one syllable.
Suffix A group of letters added to the end of a word...	Prefix A group of letters added to the start of a word...	Vowel The sounds 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'.
Consonant All the letters of the alphabet that are not vowels...	Homophone Words that sound the same but have different meanings...	Root word The basic form of a word before any prefixes or suffixes are added...
Silent letter A letter in a word that is written but not pronounced...	Polysyllabic A word that has more than one syllable...	Compound word A word made by joining two or more words together...
Can you find a word with a digraph?	What is the difference between a digraph and a split digraph?	Identify a split digraph in the word 'champion'.
Write down two homophones.	Look at the word 'the' and write down its phoneme.	