



# PHONICS CHEAT SHEET FOR PARENTS

<b>Phoneme</b>	The smallest unit of speech sound in a word. The word 'shark' has three phonemes (sh) (ar) (k).
<b>Grapheme</b>	The letter/s that spell the sounds in words. The word 'shark' has three graphemes: sh, ar, k. The word dog has three graphemes: d, o, g.
<b>Phonology</b>	The study of sound structure in language.
<b>Phonics</b>	The methods of teaching people to read by matching sounds (phonemes) with symbols (letters). Phonics has the strongest evidence base there is when it comes to teaching reading and spelling.
<b>Morpheme</b>	The smallest unit of meaning in a word e.g: 'sharks' has 2 morphemes shark + s. The base word is 'shark' and the suffix 's' indicates plurality.
<b>Morphology</b>	Morphology is the study of meaningful word parts.
<b>Sounding Out (decoding)</b>	Saying the phonemes (sounds) out loud to get to an accurate pronunciation (and recognition) of an unknown word.
<b>Blending</b>	Saying the sounds quickly, or stretching the sounds to hear the word.
<b>Segmenting</b>	Hearing a word and breaking it into its separate phonemes (sounds) to spell it.