

Glossary

Vowel graphemes – ways of spelling:

the short *a, e, i, o, u* sounds (e.g. **hat**, **pen**, **sit**, **hop**, **tub**),

the long *a, e, i, o, u* sounds (e.g. **play**, **see**, **high**, **snow**, **zoo**, **book**),

the *ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy* sounds (e.g. **car**, **for**, **fair**, **whirl**, **out**, **toy**),

and the *ire, ear* and *ure* sounds (e.g. **fire**, **near**, **pure**)

Homophones – words that sound the same but have different meanings and are spelt differently (e.g. **hear**, **here**)

Silent letters – letters in words that aren't sounded out when we read the word (e.g. **scent**, **numb**)

Prefixes – a group of letters that can be added to the start of a word to make a new word (e.g. **well**, **unwell**)

Suffixes – a group of letters that can be added to the end of a word to make a new word (e.g. **short**, **shorter**)

Exception words – words that don't follow the spelling or phonic rules that children are taught

Plural nouns – more than one person or thing (e.g. **fox** is singular, **foxes** is plural)

Root words – the most basic part of a word with no prefix or suffix (e.g. **unhelpful**)