



Phonics at Lightcliffe





Aims

- To help you understand what phonics is.
- To share some of the strategies used to teach phonics at Lightcliffe.





A phonics quiz

1. What is a phoneme?
2. How many phonemes are in the word 'slip'?
3. What is segmenting?
4. What is a grapheme?
5. What is a digraph?
6. What is a trigraph?
7. What is a split digraph?
8. What is blending?
9. What is a CVC?
10. What different ways are there for representing /ur/





Some definitions

A *phoneme* is the smallest unit of
sound in a word





A segmenting activity

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A segmenting activity

S			
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A segmenting activity

S	L		
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A segmenting activity

S	L	Í	
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A segmenting activity

S	L	Í	P
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Some definitions

Segmenting

Identifying the individual sounds in a spoken word (e.g. **h-i-m**)
and writing down or manipulating letters for each sound to
form the word 'him'



A segmenting activity

Segment these words into their constituent phonemes:

shelf

dress

strap

string

sprint

flick



Some definitions

Grapheme

Letter(s) representing a phoneme

t

ai

igh



Segmenting

WORD	PHONEMES					
shelf	sh	e	l	f		
dress	d	r	e	ss		
strap	s	t	r	a	p	
string	s	t	r	i	ng	
sprint	s	p	r	i	n	t
flick	f	l	i	ck		



Some definitions

Digraph

Two letters, which make one sound

A consonant digraph contains two consonants

sh ck th ll

A vowel digraph contains at least one vowel

ai ee ar oy



Some definitions

Trigraph

Three letters, which make one sound

igh dge





Some definitions

Split digraph

A digraph in which the two letters are not adjacent (e.g. ma**ake**)



Some definitions

Blending

Recognising the letter sounds

in a written word, for example

c-u-p, and merging or synthesising

them in the order in which they

are written to pronounce the

word 'cup'





CVC words – clarifying some misunderstandings. Which of these words are not CVC words?

p i g

s h e e p

s h i p

c a r

b o y

c o w

f i l l

w h i p

k e e p

f o r

d a y

m i s s

w h i z z

h u f f





CVC words – consonant phoneme, vowel phoneme, consonant phoneme

p/ i/ g

s h/ e e/ p

s h/ i/ p

c/a r

b/o y

c/o w

f/ i/ l l

w h/ i/ p

k/ee/p

f/o r

d/a y

m /i /s s

w h/ i/ z z

h /u /f f



A basic principle

The same phoneme can be represented in more than one way: /*ur*/

urn

first

term

heard

work





The same phoneme can be represented in more than one way

a	a-e	ai	ay	ey	eigh
e	e-e	ea	ee	y	
i	i-e	ie	igh	y	
o	o-e	oa	oe	ow	
u	u-e	ue	oo	ew	
oo	u	oul			
ow	ou	ough			
oi	oy				
ar	a				
or	aw	ore	a	ough	
air	are	ear			
eer	ear				

