

THRASS Terminology

Phoneme – a speech sound

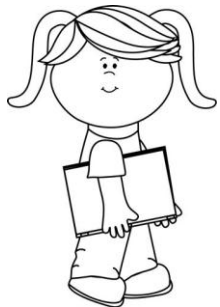
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Digraph – a two letter spelling choice – e.g. **cow**

Trigraph – a three letter spelling choice – e.g. **hair**

Quadgraph – a four letter spelling choice – e.g. **though**



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Catch All –
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chart

Ideas for Home

- Encourage clear articulation of sounds, including initial, medial and final sounds
- Promote correct letter formation – blue chart
- Rhyming words
- Use the 'phoneme fist' when sounding out words
- Differentiate between nouns, verbs, adjectives etc.
- Play 'I Spy' with the THRASS chart: e.g. I spy an animal with a digraph, or a word with a trigraph
- Play games finding things on the THRASS chart, e.g. all the animals, all the places you can go etc.
- Discuss the number of syllables in a word (each syllable has a vowel sound)
- Discuss plurals and how the spelling can change, e.g. baby – babies
- Adding 'ing' and 'ed'. Discuss the phonemes used and locate them on the THRASS chart
- Discuss compound words and how they are made
- Add prefixes and suffixes to root and base words
- Discuss the origin of words e.g. Latin, Greek
- Identify the different types of words e.g. noun, verb, adverb, pronoun etc. Discuss how words can change. A word can be a noun in one context and a verb in another.

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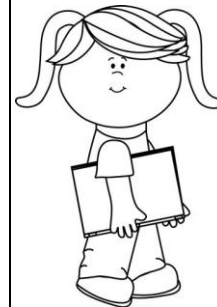
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