

What is Systematic Synthetic Phonics?

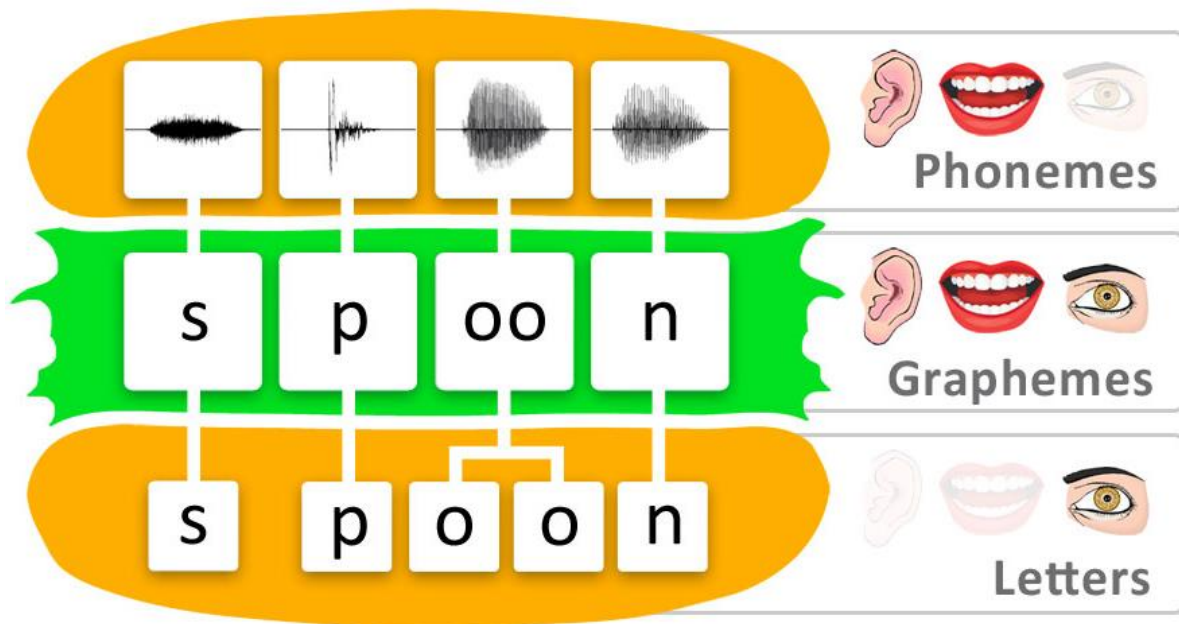
Systematic Synthetic Phonics is the teaching of reading by developing awareness of the sounds in words and the corresponding letters used to represent those words.

Phonemes

Any of the 44 sounds which make up words in the English language.

Graphemes

How a phoneme is written down. There can be more than one way to spell a phoneme. For example, the phoneme 'ai' is spelled differently in each of the words 'way', 'make', 'fail', 'great', 'sleigh' and 'lady'.



Digraph

Two letters making one phoneme, such as **ch** and **ee**.

Trigraph

Three letters making one phoneme, such as **igh** and **air**.

Split Digraph

Where the two letters making the phoneme are not adjacent, such as **bone** and **time**.

Blending

Putting together sounds in a word in order to read:

/b/ /e/ /d/ = bed

/t/ /i/ /n/ = tin

Segmenting

Breaking a word into its constituent sounds in order to spell:

bed = /b/ /e/ /d/

tin = /t/ /i/ /n/

Tricky Words

Words which cannot be sounded out using Phonics and must therefore be learned by heart:

Phase 2 to 5 Tricky Words

Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
I	he	said	oh
no	she	have	Mrs
the	we	like	people
to	me	so	their
go	be	do	called
into	you	some	Mr
	are	come	looked
	her	little	asked
	was	one	could
	all	were	
	they	there	
	my	what	
		when	
		out	



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Alternative Spellings

Different ways of spelling the same phoneme. For example:

rain **play** **snake**
coin **boy**
green **bean** **theme**

Alternative Pronunciations

Different ways of pronouncing the same letters. For example:

meat **bread**
bear **hear**
cow **low**
cat **city**

For any further guidance or advice regarding supporting your child at home with phonics, please contact the class teacher.

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