

English Vocabulary

Phonics

adjacent consonants	Two or three letters making two or three sounds.	tr – tree fl - flower
blend	Blend sounds together to say the word.	c-a-t blended to say cat.
compound word	Two words joined together to make a new word.	Straw and berry - strawberry
diagraph	Two letters making one sound.	sh, th, qu, ng
triagraph	Three letters making one sound	igh, air, ire
split diagraph	Two letters which are split but make one sound.	a-e cake
grapheme	A written letter that represents the sound	s
mnemonic	A devise for remembering something.	Slither down the snake to remember s.
multisyllabic	A word with more than one syllable.	window, turnip
phoneme	The smallest identifiable sound	a
prefix	It is added to the beginning of a word to change it's meaning.	Un added to kind - unkind
rhyme	Words that have the same final sound	cat, bat, mat, hat
segment	To split the word into sounds.	mat – m-a-t
suffix	Added to the end of a word.	ing added to run- running
syllable	A single unit of speech	pat, pan
cvc	Abbreviation for consonant, vowel, consonant	bag, mop
vowel	a,e,i,o,u	
red word	A word that cannot be sounded out to be read.	the, no, put, was

Year 1

adjective	A word that describes the noun or pronoun.	beautiful, enormous, sparkling.
clause	A phrase containing a varying amount of words including a verb and/or a noun.	I was walking.
conjunction	Links two phrases or clauses together.	and, but, so, because,
exclamation	A sentence that is said by someone with strong feelings.	I want that!
noun	The name or a person, place, animal, object, thing.	Sally, England, elephant, chair, pen
pronoun	It is used in place of a noun.	I, he, she, we
proper noun	A name of a person, place or organization.	Tom, Hurst Green.
question	A sentence that needs a reply.	Do you like cake?
verb	An action word.	read, blew, mix,

Year 2

adverb	It gives meaning to the verb.	I <u>really</u> enjoyed the party. I walked home <u>slowly</u> .
contraction	The shortening of two words into 1 with an apostrophe to represent the missing letters.	Have not – haven't We will – we'll
expanded noun phrases	Words or phrases that give more information to the noun.	The <u>little</u> boy. The <u>happy</u> puppy.
homophone	Two words that are pronounced the same but have a different meaning.	The <u>bat</u> flew into the tree. I hit the ball with the <u>bat</u> .

homonym	Words that are spelt the same or have the same pronunciation but have a different meaning.	Pair/pear Bat – animal or PE equipment
noun phrase	A phrase built around a noun.	The <u>little, green scaly</u> crocodile.
past tense	Writing that expresses events that have already happened.	Yesterday I went to the park.
present tense	Writing that expresses events that are happening now.	As I was walking along I met a dragon.
progressive verbs	An action that is happening now.	The frog is <u>jumping</u> .
synonyms	A word or phrase that has nearly the same meaning as another word or phrase.	Big – huge Small - little