

Capital Letter

A capital letter is used at the beginning of a sentence or for a proper noun (name, person, place or thing).

Sentence

A complete unit of words in either writing or speech with a clear beginning and a full stop.

Question mark

Used at the end of a sentence asking a question

i.e. What is your name?



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Full stop

Full stops are used to end a sentence.

Blend

to draw individual sounds together to pronounce a word, e.g. s-n-a-p, blended together, reads snap

Letter

Symbol of the alphabet that represents a sound.

Word

A unit of language. That has meaning.

Split Digraph

two letters, split, making one sound, e.g. a-e as in make or i-e in site

Digraph

two letters making one sound, e.g. sh, ch, th, ph.

Grapheme

A letter or a group of letters representing one sound, e.g. sh, ch, igh, ough (as in 'though')

Phoneme

the smallest single identifiable sound, e.g. the letters 'sh' represent just one sound, but 'sp' represents two (/s/ and /p/)

Segment

to split up a word into its individual phonemes in order to spell it, e.g. the word 'cat' has three phonemes