

Glossary of Terms

Adjectives	are describing words, they give a more exact meaning to a noun
Adverbs	words that give more exact meaning to other words. Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.
Digraph	two letters used together to spell a single sound
Nouns	<p>name of a person, place or thing. There are two kinds of nouns, common and proper.</p> <p>Proper nouns name particular people, places or things so they must have a capital letter.</p> <p>Common nouns are not capitalised, they can be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• abstract: naming qualities actions or ideas like courage, loyalty, kindness• concrete: naming materials we can see or touch like bike, window, house• collective: naming a group of persons or things like class, team, flock, litter
Phonetic	having to do with speech sounds, indicating pronunciation
Phonics	simplified phonetics for teaching reading/spelling skills
Prefix	a syllable, syllables or a word put at the beginning of a word to change its meaning or to form a new word.
Pronouns	are substitutes, they take the place of nouns in speech and writing e.g. her, him, he, she, his, hers, it, they, them, you, I, we, us
Root Word	the essential part of a word from which other words are derived
Suffix	an addition made at the end of a word to form another word of different meaning or function
Syllable	a word or part of a word pronounced as a unit, usually consisting of a vowel alone or with one or more consonants
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Antonym	a word that means the opposite of another word
Synonym	a word that means the same or has a similar meaning to a word in the same language
Homonym	one of two or more words that are identical in pronunciation or spelling but have a different meaning (sale/sail).
Homographs	a word of the same spelling as another, but a different origin and meaning (bank/bank).
Homophone	having the same sound, the letters 'c' and 'k' are homophones in 'cork'; another word for homonym.
Trigraph	three letters used together to spell a single sound
Verb	a word that describes an action or a state of being