

Possible words for use in phase 4

- **Digraph** — two letters making one sound, e.g. sh, ch, th, ph. vowel digraphs comprise of two vowels which, together, make one sound, e.g. ai, oo, ow
- **Split Digraph** — two letters, split, making one sound, e.g. a-e as in make or i-e in site
- **Grapheme** — a letter or a group of letters representing one sound, e.g. sh, ch, igh, ough (as in 'though')
- **Grapheme-phoneme correspondence (GPC)** — the relationship between sounds and the letters which represent those sounds; also known as 'letter-sound correspondences'
- **Mnemonic** — a device for memorising and recalling something, such as a snake shaped like the letter 'S'
- **Phoneme** — the smallest single identifiable sound, e.g. the letters 'sh' represent just one sound, but 'sp' represents two (/s/ and /p/)
- **Segment (vb)** — to split up a word into its individual phonemes in order to spell it, e.g. the word 'cat' has three phonemes: /c/, /a/, /t/
- **VC, CVC, CCVC** — the abbreviations for vowel-consonant, consonant-vowel-consonant, consonant-consonant-vowel-consonant, and are used to describe the order of letters in words, e.g. am, Sam, slam
- **Compound word** - when two small words are joined together to make one new word, e.g. sunshine, rainbow, skateboard, butterfly

Words using sets 1-7 letters			Words using Phase Three graphemes		Polysyllabic words	
went	best	fond	champ	shift	children	shampoo
it's	tilt	gust	chest	shelf	helpdesk	Chester
help	lift	hand	tenth	joint	sandpit	giftbox
just	lost	next	theft	boost	windmill	shelter
tent	tuft	milk	welsh	thump	softest	lunchbox
belt	damp	golf	chimp	paint	pondweed	sandwich
hump	bust	jump	bench	roast	desktop	shelving
band	camp	fact	sixth	toast	helper	Manchester
dent	gift	melt	punch	beast	handstand	chimpanzee
felt	kept	ask*	chunk	think	melting	champion
gulp	tusk	fast*	thank	burnt	seventh	thundering
lamp	limp	last*				
wind	soft	daft*				
hump	pond	task*				
land	husk					
nest	cost					
sink	bank					
link	bunk					
hunt						

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CCV and CCVC words					
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from	grip	green	flair	clear	speech
stop	glad	fresh	trail	train	smear
spot	twin	steep	cream	swing	thrill
frog	sniff	tree	clown	droop	
step	plum	spear	star	spoon	<i>Polysyllabic words</i>
plan	gran	smell	creep	float	treetop
speck	swim	spoil	brown	smart	starlight
trip	clap	train	stair	groan	floating
grab	drop	spoon	spoil	brush	freshness
track	glass*	sport	spark	growl	
spin	grass*	thrush	bring	scoop	
flag	brass*	trash	crash	sport	
		start	bleed	frown	

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CCVCC, CCCVC, CCCVCC words				
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stand	crust	graft*	crunch	driftwood
crisp	tramp	grant*	drench	twisting
trend	grunt	blast*	trench	printer
trust	crept	grasp*	grinch	
spend	drift	slant*	shrink	
glint	slept		thrust	
twist	skunk		spring	
brand	think		strap	
frost	thank		string	
cramp	blink		strap	
plump	drank		scrap	
stamp	blank		street	
blend	trunk		scrunch	
stunt				

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