Key terminology in Phonics

Term	Meaning	Example
Phonemes	The smallest units of sound that are found within a word (What you hear)	Bed Happy Fish Chip
Grapheme	The spelling of the sound (what you see)	The she che igh
Digraph	Two letters that make one sound when read	Th, sh, ch, ng,
Trigraphs:	Three letters that make one sound	igh, air, ear, ure
Split digraphs	When a digraph is split by a consonant it becomes a split digraph .	Made, these, hide, home, cute, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e
CVC CVCC / CCVC	Stands for consonant, vowel, consonant	Cat, mat, hat, Fast, cart, hang Chat, flat, shin
Tricky Words	Words that cannot easily be decoded.	The was said you some