

## SOUNDS

**PA**  
Phonological Awareness  
being able to think about, talk about, and manipulate the meaningful sounds of words

discrimination  
omission of letter sound  
letter sequence reversals  
addition of letters  
misspelled vowel sound in stressed syllable

## LETTERS

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- illegal substitution
- non-allowable letter sequence
- violation of word position constraints
- letter formation reversals

lacks letter-sound relationships and common letter patterns

**Phoneme**  
a distinct unit of sound

**Grapheme**  
a letter or letters that represent a phoneme

**Morpheme**  
smallest unit of meaning

# How do kids learn to read?

## WORDS

**SEM**  
Semantic and Vocabulary Knowledge  
knowledge of word meaning

- misspelling of "wh"
- homophones

## WORDS

**MA**  
Morphological Awareness and Knowledge  
knowledge of letter meaning relationships and the ability to think about, talk about, and manipulate the morphemic elements of words

- omission of more
- phonetic spelling
- failure to use semantic → inflecting
- misspelling of more

**LETTERS**  
Mental Orthographic Images of Words  
clear and complete representations of words stored in long-term memory

- "legal" substitutions
- misspelling of unstressed vowel sounds
- homophone confusion