



Stepping up the SPaG – Issue 3



Word	Definition	Examples	In the classroom
fronting, fronted	A word or phrase that normally comes after the verb may be moved before the verb	<p>Before we begin, make sure you've got a pencil. [Without fronting: Make sure you've got a pencil before we begin.]</p> <p>The day after tomorrow, I'm visiting my granddad. [Without fronting: I'm visiting my granddad the day after tomorrow.]</p>	<p>Play 'fronting tennis' where one child says the sentence without fronting and the other returns the sentence but moving the word/phrase to the front. Eg *Bring your cake into school on Monday. *On Monday, bring your cake into school</p>
grapheme	A letter, or combination of letters, that corresponds to a single phoneme (unit of sound) within a word.	<p>The grapheme t in the words ten, bet and ate corresponds to the phoneme /t/.</p> <p>The grapheme ph in the word dolphin corresponds to the phoneme /f/.</p>	<p>Grapheme hunts for different graphemes that relate to the same phoneme in text (Link to Fresh Start)</p>
homonym	Two different words, with different meanings, are homonyms if they both look exactly the same when written, and sound exactly the same when pronounced.	<p>Has he left yet? Yes – he went through the door on the left.</p> <p>The noise a dog makes is called a bark. Trees have bark</p>	<p>Complete word puzzles where the children have to identify the missing word that would fit into both sentences. eg Sam likes to play in the ____. I ____ my car in the garage.</p>