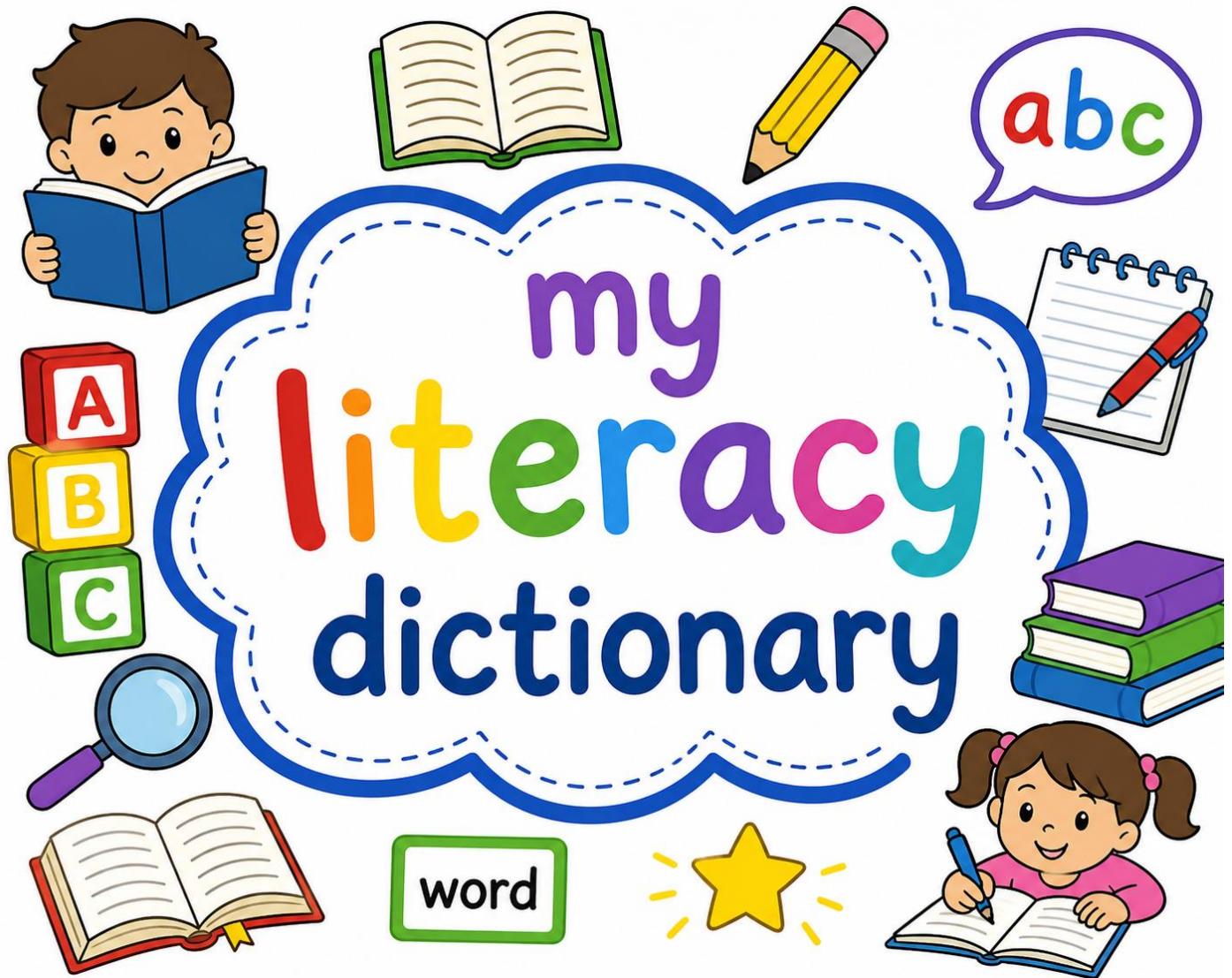


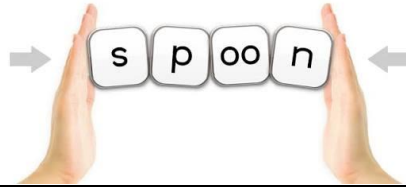


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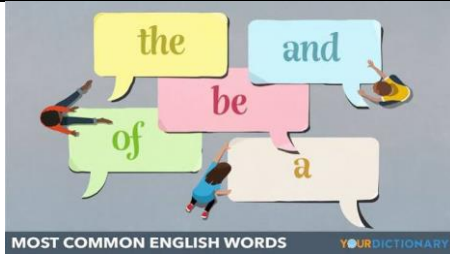
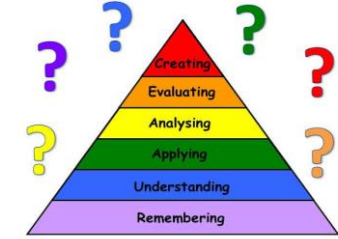


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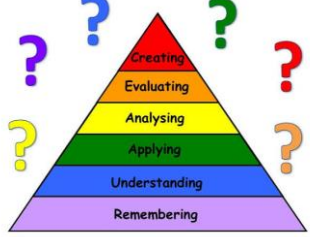
Blending	To say the individual sounds that make up a word and blend them together to hear the whole word for reading e.g. 's-a-t becomes 'sat'.	
Book band	A system of grouping books in bands of colours to represent levels of reading difficulty.	

C

Common words	This is a set of words that a child can immediately recognise without using decoding strategies e.g. the, of, one	
Comprehension	The ability to understand, interpret, and make meaning from what is being read.	

D

Diacritical Marking	Adding symbols to letters to show their specific sounds. A dot is used for a single sound, a line used for joined phonemes and an arch for split phonemes e.g. d i s j o i n t e d · · · · — · · · ·	● Single sounds/phonemes are marked with a dot under the sound — Joined phonemes are marked by underlining with a dark line ⤿ Split phonemes (formerly magic 'e') are marked with a joining loop
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Digraph	Two letters that make one single sound when put together e.g., <i>ch, sh, th.</i> Also known as a joined phoneme.	digraphs ch kn th ck ph wh gh sh wr						
E								
Elkonin Boxes	Boxes drawn on paper where each box represents one sound (phoneme) <table border="1" data-bbox="475 656 986 779"> <tr> <td>d</td><td>o</td><td>g</td></tr> <tr> <td>sh</td><td>o</td><td>p</td></tr> </table>	d	o	g	sh	o	p	sh ee p ● ● ●
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G								
Grapheme	A letter or a group of letters that represent a single phoneme (sound) on the page e.g. 'sh' or 'igh'.	Grapheme /k/ k c ck ch /n/ n gn kn pn /aw/ aw au all a ough /a/ a a_e ai ay ea igh ei ey Graphemes						
H								
Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)	Higher-Order Thinking Skills; questions that require children to analyse, evaluate, apply knowledge or create rather than just recall facts.							
M								
Mnemonics	Memory aids or tricks to help remember spelling or facts e.g. Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants for <i>because</i>.	was webs and spiders 						

P

Phoneme

The smallest unit of sound in a spoken word **e.g. the word *dog* has three phonemes: d o g**



S

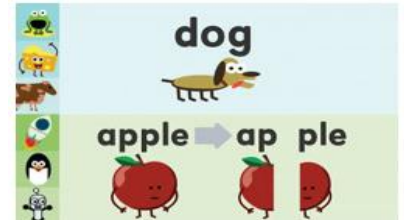
Split digraph

A vowel digraph that is split apart by a consonant, but still makes one long vowel sound **e.g. *a-e* in *cake***. Often referred to as 'magic e' words.



Syllables

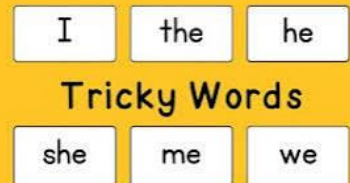
Units of pronunciation having one vowel sound, acting as the "beats" in a word **e.g. *ca-ter-pi-llar***.



T

Tricky words

Words that cannot be easily sounded out using standard phonics rules and must be memorised **e.g. *said, the***.



Trigraph

Three letters that make one single sound together **e.g. *igh* in *light*, or *tch* in *catch***. Also known as a joined phoneme.



V

VCOP

A framework used in writing standing for **Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, and Punctuation** to upgrade sentences.

