

Knowsley Village Primary School



Glossary of Literacy Terms



Abbreviation

The shortened version of a word

- RE (Religious Education), phone (telephone)

Adjective

A word which describes a noun

- ferocious bear, burning sun

Adverb

A word which describes a verb

- quickly, slowly, angrily

Alliteration

A phrase with words which begin with the same phoneme/sound

- Angry ants answer Anna

Antonym

A word with a meaning opposite to another

- Hot/cold, light/dark



B

ending

Combining phonemes to make clusters, syllables or words

- f-l-a-g = flag

C

ompound Words

A word made up of two other words

- football, playground

C

onnective

Words and phrases used to link sentences and clauses

- after, next, because, also, however, just then

C

onsonant

All letters except the five vowels are consonants

- b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z

G

rapheme

Written representation of a sound; this may consist of one or more letters

- ch, a, th

H

omophone

Words which sound the same but have different meaning

- their / there / they're, hare / hair

Metaphor
Where the writer writes about something as if it were something else

- The wind was a howling wolf.

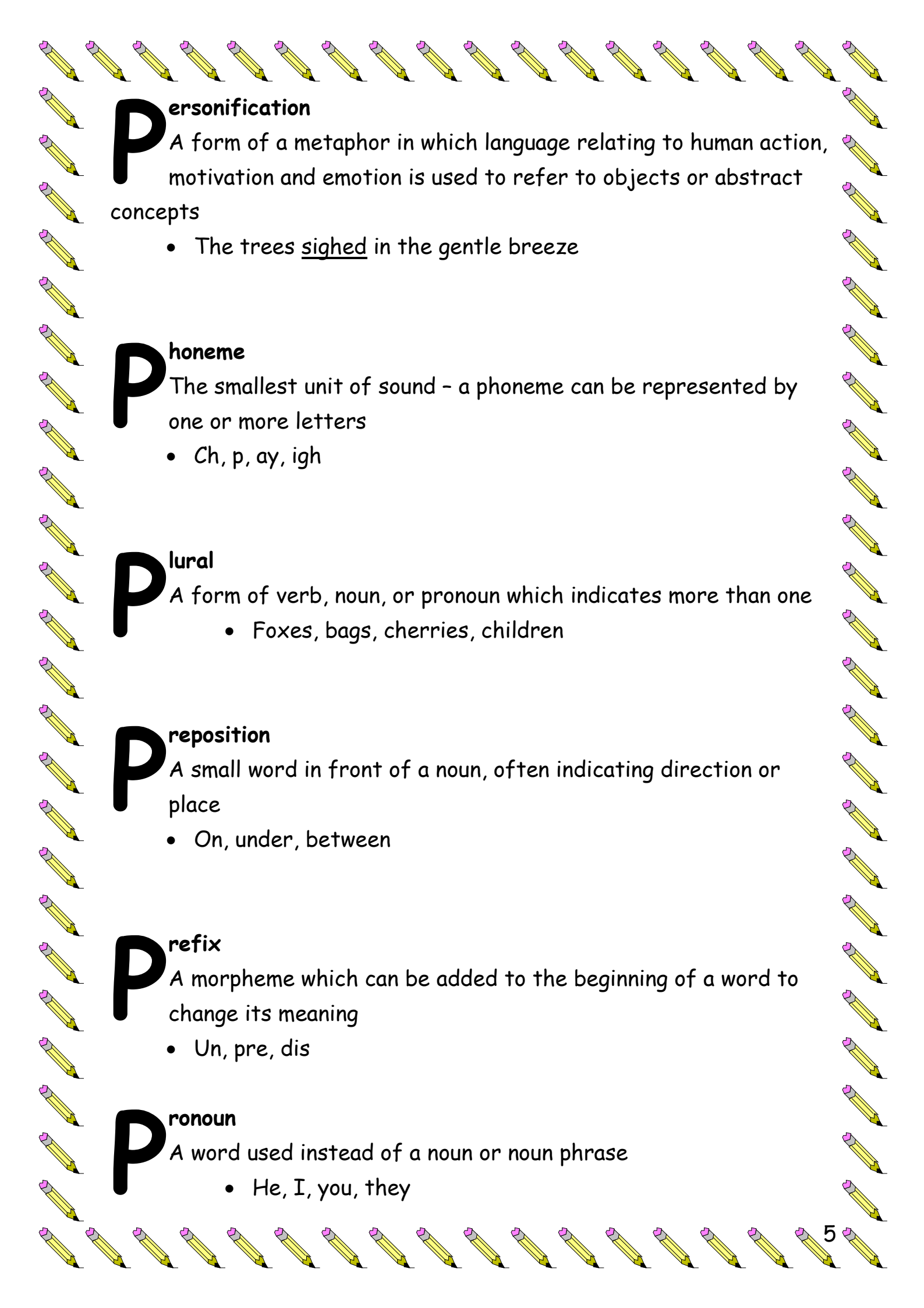
Morpheme
The smallest unit of meaning - suffixes and rpefixes are morphemes

- House, un, ing

Onomatopoeia
Words which echo sound associated with their meaning

- Clang, hiss, crash, bang





Personification

A form of a metaphor in which language relating to human action, motivation and emotion is used to refer to objects or abstract concepts

- The trees sighed in the gentle breeze

Phoneme

The smallest unit of sound - a phoneme can be represented by one or more letters

- Ch, p, ay, igh

Plural

A form of verb, noun, or pronoun which indicates more than one

- Foxes, bags, cherries, children

Preposition

A small word in front of a noun, often indicating direction or place

- On, under, between

Prefix

A morpheme which can be added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning

- Un, pre, dis

Pronoun

A word used instead of a noun or noun phrase

- He, I, you, they

Root word
A word to which prefixes and suffixes may be added to make other words

- Clear/unclear, talk/talking

Segmenting
Breaking the word into phonemes

- Chat= ch a t

Simile
Comparing a subject to something else

- As strong as an ox



