

St Mark's Root word of the Week

What is a
root word?



-phon-

Can you think of any words which have -phon- as part of them?

What do these words mean?



Can you match the word to the definition?

Phonics

A device that allows people to speak to each other at a distance

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So what does '-phon-' mean?



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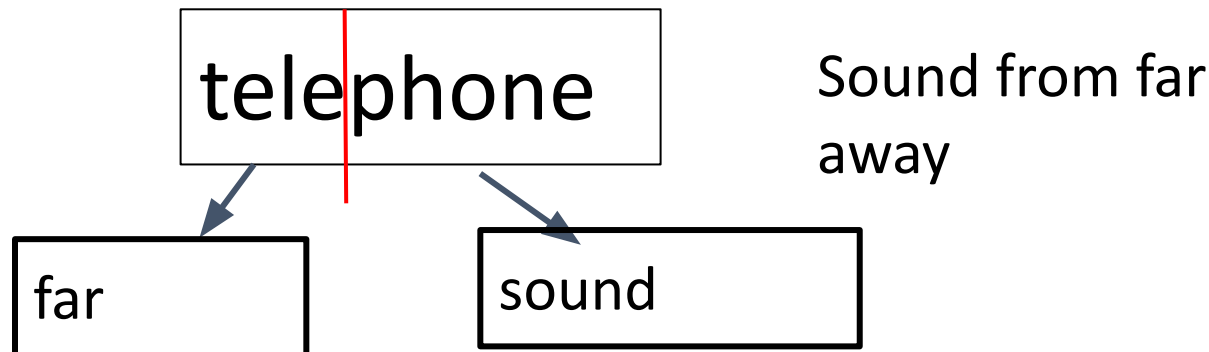
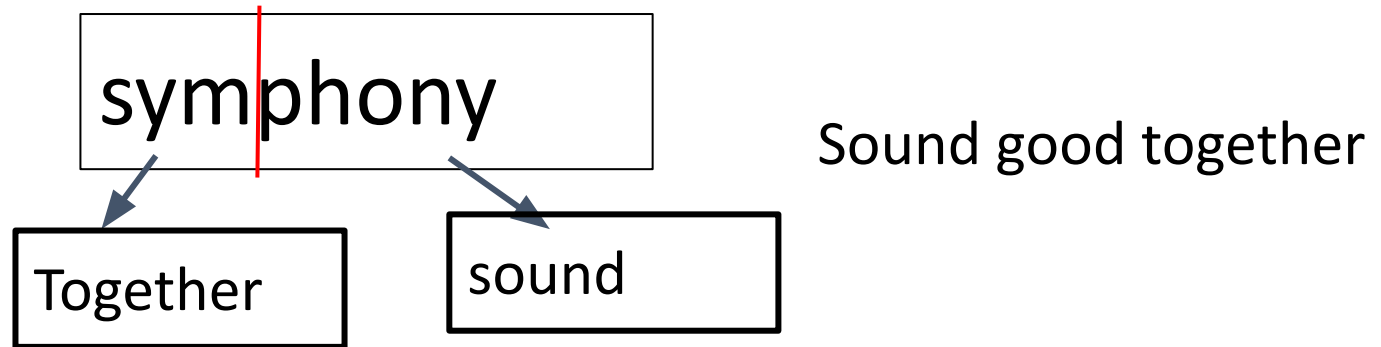
Definition

sound

Examples

1. David loved the sound of the saxophone.
2. Teaching reading requires an understanding of phonics.
3. The student's metal bottle hit the ground causing a cacophony.

Let's look more closely
at symphony and
telephone



Homophones

Meat and meet sound the same when said but are not spelt the same nor do they mean the same thing. Of what other examples can you think?

Can you define each of these pairs of homophones?

Place & Plaice

Bolder & Boulder

Its & It's

Raise & Rays

Tail & Tale

Sole & Soul

Steel & Steal

Waist & Waste

Real & Reel

BONUS: Peak & Peek & Pique



How could you use a word containing '-phon-' in your lessons this week?

