

Definitions for Phonological Awareness

Answer true or false. If false, rewrite the definition to make it true.

1. ___ Phonemic awareness is the simplest level of phonological awareness that involves blending, segmenting, and manipulating individual phonemes.
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2. ___ Rime is the vowel and final consonant(s) of a word (/ake/ in *shake*).
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3. ___ Alphabetic principle is understanding that the sequence of letters in written words represents the sequence of sounds in spoken words.
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4. ___ Phonics involves instruction in how sounds in spoken language are represented by letters and spellings.
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5. ___ Phonological awareness is the recognition of the sounds of spoken language and how they can be combined, separated, manipulated, and tied to letters.
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6. ___ Phonemes are the smallest units of sound in spoken words (/m/ makes the word *man* distinguishable from *tan*).
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7. ___ Onset is the final consonant or consonant cluster in a word (/sh/ in *shake*).
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Phonological Awareness Definitions

Ask participants to correct the false statements to true ones on their handouts so their glossary section will have the correct definitions.

1. **False.**

Correct definition: **Phonemic Awareness** is the most *sophisticated* level of phonological awareness involving blending, segmenting, and manipulating individual phonemes.

2. **True:** **Rime** includes the vowel and final consonant(s) of a word following the onset in a syllable (/ake/ in *shake*).

3. **True:** **Alphabetic principle** is understanding that the sequence of letters in written words represents the sequence of sounds in spoken words.

4. **True:** **Phonics** involves instruction in how the sounds of spoken language are represented by letters and spellings.

5. **False.**

Correct definition: **Phonological Awareness** is the recognition of the sounds of spoken language and how they can be combined, separated, and manipulated. (*and tied to letters* is incorrect).

6. **True:** **Phonemes** are the smallest unit of sound in spoken words (/m/ makes the word *man* distinguishable from *tan*)

7. **False.**

Correct definition: **Onset** is the *initial* consonant or consonant cluster of a word (/sh/ in *shake*).