

The Structure of Words

Sound: What the word and parts of the word *sound* like

Whole sound: crush
crushed
crushing

Parts: syllables – crush/ crushed/ crush/ing
individual phonemes 'k' 'r' 'u' 'sh'
'k' 'r' 'u' 'sh' 't'
'k' 'r' 'u' 'sh' 'i' 'ng'

Image: What the word and parts of the word *look* like

Whole image: cat
horse
goat
mouse

Parts – graphemes c a t
h or se
g oa t
m ou se

Structure: *Why* the word looks the way it does

Whole image: Meaning of the whole word and sequence of letters to spell it:
eject

Parts: *Morphemes*
sequence of letters and meaning of the morphemes
e – out of **ject** – to throw
greatest (**est** meaning the most),
florist (**ist** meaning a person who does...)
ed ending – meaning past tense (**jumped, banged, started**)

Spelling rules and conventions

Spelling patterns influence pronunciation (orange)

complete – e_e signifies long vowel

se/cret, bu/gle, bi/ble – single vowel at end of syllable signifies
open syllable – long vowel pronunciation

running – **nn** signifies single vowel preceding it will be short