

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 sounds – ‘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: c a t
h o r s e
g o a t
m o u s e

Structure: Why the word looks the way it does

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

Parts: 1. morphemes- sequence of letters and meaning of morpheme
e – out of
ject – to throw

2. choice of spelling patterns – influences pronunciation
complete – e_e signifies long vowel
se/cret – e signifies open syllable/long vowel
running – nn signifies single vowel preceding it will be short