

# Instructional Animation

## English Scripts

### What is a Phoneme?

Today, we're going to be learning about the word **Phonemes**. Your teacher will be using this word when they are teaching reading.

The word **phoneme** means the sounds that we hear in words. To help us remember what the word **phoneme** in English means, we can think of a **telephone**.

A **telePHONE** makes a sound when it rings, just like a **PHONEme** is the sound a letter makes when we read.

For example, the letter **B** in English makes the **/b/** sound.

The **phoneme** of the letter **B** is **/b/**

A **phoneme** is simply the sound that a letter makes.

Let's practice using the word **phoneme**. I want you to answer my question.

What is the **phoneme** of the letter **M**?

Great job! The **phoneme** of the letter **M** is **/m/**

One more question.

What is the **phoneme** of the letter **S**?

Excellent! The **phoneme** of the letter **S** is **/s/**.

Now you know when you hear the word **PHONEme**, you know it is referring to the sound a letter makes. Just like how a **telePHONE** makes a sound when it rings.

A **phoneme** is simply the sound a letter makes.