



Week B –/s/ Phoneme

Learning Intention:

Students will:

- ✦ **Understand the /s/ phoneme, identify graphemes of the /s/ phoneme and find generalisations to help choose the correct grapheme for the /s/ phoneme**

A **phoneme** is a sound within the English language. There are 44 phonemes (sounds) within the English language.

- ✦ A **grapheme** is a letter combination used to create that phoneme. For the **/s/ phoneme** there are **14** different grapheme combinations. Some are more common than others:

<i>/s/ phoneme</i>	
<i>e<u>s</u>tate</i>	Activity 1 – Find as many words as you can that fit into each related grapheme on the sheet below and highlight the /s/ phoneme
<i>a<u>cr</u>oss</i>	Activity 2 – Word of the week – immense . Find the meaning, word origins, synonyms, antonyms and use in a contextual sentence
<i>mo<u>u</u>se</i>	Activity 3 – S or C? Complete the sheet and work out the rule
<i>ce<u>r</u>eal</i>	Activity 4 – Prefixes and Suffixes – Choose 5 base words that use the /s/ phoneme and add two prefixes or suffixes to create a new word eg – scream - screaming
<i>sci<u>en</u>ce</i>	Activity 5 – Choose 5 words that use the /ps/ grapheme for the /s/ phoneme and research their word origin and meaning
<i>mu<u>s</u>cle</i>	
<i>ca<u>s</u>tle</i>	
<i>ps<u>y</u>chic</i>	
<i>s<u>w</u>ord</i>	
<i>qu<u>a</u>rtz</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>/s/ phoneme – graphemes:</i> s - best, ss - dress, se - close, c - celery, ce - sauce, sc - scene, st - castle, z - blitz, ps - psychic, sw - sword, sth - asthma, sse - crevasse, cc - flaccid, sce - reminisce</p>

/s/ Phoneme – Word Banks

s	ss	se	c
ce	st	sw	other /s/ phonemes

Can you work out the rule? /s/ Phoneme

When words begin with the sound of s they can be spelled with a c (city) or an s (stop)

Here are some examples of words that begin with the s sound. Look at the second letter and put each word in the table next to the correct heading:

city	surgery	ceiling	suit	sad	sent	sister
soap	seven	syrup	cyst	celery	soft	sympathy
sale	cereal	sum	citizen	sell	six	cyclone
cinema	socks	system	cycle	sick	Saturday	

sa	ca
se	ce
si	ci
so	co
su	cu
sy	cy