

Handwriting sheet: Precursive Arrow worksheet

Word list: *ph* words - set 2

The /f/ sound is usually spelt with an *f*, or, if after a short vowel sound, the letters *ff*.

However, have you ever noticed that some words, like *phone* and *alphabet*, are pronounced with an *f* sound but are spelt with the letter combination *ph*?

This unusual spelling can be traced back to origins in Ancient Greek, where the letter *phi* (Φ) represented the *f* sound. Over time, this Ancient Greek influence found its way into the English language, giving us the *ph* spelling pattern.

As you become a more confident speller, you will begin to notice that this spelling pattern often appears in words which share the same Ancient Greek root, for example: *photograph*, *photocopy*, and *photosynthesis* all contain the root *photo* which is spelt using the letters *ph*.

alphabet

apostrophe

hyphen

phrase

pamphlet

physician

pharmacy

physical

elephant

dolphin

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phantom

nephew

prophet

orphan

triumph

catastrophe

emphasis

phobia

trophy

typhoon