



Units of Language



Write the correct words in the boxes.

phrase	word	paragraph	syllable
text	sentence	clause	phoneme

	A single sound, eg. [s].
	A sound unit in a word (containing a vowel sound). A word can have one or more. It can be stressed (strong, heavy, long) or unstressed (weak, light, short).
	A simple unit of language, either spoken sounds, or written letters.
	A group of words, without a verb; eg. <i>after lunch, in that situation, the people there.</i>
	A group of words with a subject + verb, and usually following words.
	A group of words forming a unit of one or more clauses (subject + verb, maybe extra words).
	A small part of a longer text, usually several sentences. It gives one topic or part of a topic plus elaboration and supporting details, often beginning with a topic sentence.
	A meaningful piece or unit of spoken or written language. It is usually longer than one sentence and could be a thousand pages.