

Phonology, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics

What's the difference?

Phonology – an area of linguistics that deals with speech sound systems and sound patterns of spoken language

Phonological awareness – the ability to break down words into smaller parts: syllables (mag-net), alliteration (Bobby beetle bounced..), onset and rime (m-at) and phonemic awareness (m-a-t)

Phonemic awareness – the ability to identify and manipulate individual sounds in words (to blend, segment and manipulate sounds orally)

Phonics – the teaching of:

- letter/sound correspondences for reading and spelling (c-a-t =/k/ /a/ /t/)
- blending of individual letters/sounds for reading 'm a t' →
- segmenting of individual sounds/letters for spelling 'm a t'