

IDEAS STATION: SOUNDS AND LETTERS

The building blocks of language, what you might have thought of as a strict set of rules, is actually complicated and weird.

Thinking about what sounds letters and letter combinations can make in the English language, how does GHOTI = FISH

Does writing tell us how to pronounce words?

What sound does the letter 's' make in Jesus?

What is a language? Think about the facts below to aid your definition.

Portugese speakers can understand Spanish, but Spanish speakers don't understand Portugese.

An English person may not understand someone from Glasgow, and vice versa, but they will both understand the BBC news.

The 'French' we learn at school is actually the dialect of the people of Paris.