



What are letter patterns?

Letter patterns are **groups of letters** that often appear together in many different English words: eg **-tion** and **-ing**.

Letter patterns can often help you read words that you're unsure of or have never seen before.

If you recognise a letter pattern in a word and know the sound this makes you won't have to sound out every letter in the word to read it.

How can letter patterns help with spelling?

When you're spelling it helps to **remember letters as a group or pattern** rather than remembering each letter on its own. For example:

-ough is found in the words **through** and **enough**.

You only need to learn to spell a letter pattern once to help you spell lots of different words that have the same pattern.

Letter patterns are especially useful in English because English words are not always spelt the way that they sound. This means we can't always rely on the sounds of letters to help us spell or read. For example:

-tion sounds like **shun**.