

Greek spelling patterns

Remember

Odd spellings such as **ph** for 'f' often come from Greek roots.

phonics **ph**ilosophy **ph**enomenal **ph**rase **ph**oneme

Try it

1 These words have a **ph** spelling for 'f'. Read the clue and write the word.

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| a) em_____ (to stress) | g) p_____let (a leaflet) |
| b) _____tom (a ghost) | h) sax_____ (musical instrument) |
| c) _____cy (chemist's shop) | i) or_____ge (home for parentless children) |
| d) sym_____ (piece of music) | j) tr_____ (a success) |
| e) _____ia (a fear) | k) ceno_____ (war memorial) |
| f) tr_____ (an award) | l) cat_____ (complete disaster) |

2 Add the Greek spelling pattern to complete these words.

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| a) _____pnotise | f) _____eudo | k) _____ubarb | p) _____eumatic |
| b) _____alm | g) _____pocrite | l) _____giene | q) de_____drated |
| c) _____acinth | h) _____siotherapist | m) _____ychic | r) _____inoceros |
| d) _____sical | i) _____ythmic | n) _____sterical | s) _____eumonia |
| e) _____draulic | j) _____ombus | o) _____pothermia | t) _____phen |

Read-cover-write

Read this sentence and remember it. Then cover it and write it underneath.

The sphinx and the phoenix guarded the Pharaoh's sapphires and emeralds.

Check your spellings with the answers on page 46. Test yourself, or get a friend to test you.

I can spell all the words on this page. ☐ I can spell words with **ph**, **hy**, **rh**, **ps** and **pn**. ☐