**Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Video Transcription**

Hi everyone! It is so good to be back with you on YouTube. I know I've been

gone a long time. Summer is such a busy time- that I thought it would be a great opportunity to start a series of super short videos answering some of the most

common questions I get from teachers.

Today's question- What is the difference between phonological awareness and phonemic awareness?

These two terms are often used interchangeably, but there is a very slight difference. Both terms are about being able to hear the sounds and patterns of language. So, both terms refer to skills that are auditory only. There's no print involved in either phonological or phonemic awareness.

Phonological awareness is the broad overarching term. It's the ability to hear and attend to different units of language. So, it's things like onset and rhyme, syllables, identifying initial and ending sounds. So, a student who's working on phonological awareness might be working on breaking apart a word into syllables; they might be working on blending the onset in rhyme or they might be working on identifying the initial sound of a word.

Phonemic awareness is one specific piece of phonological awareness. Phonemic awareness is specifically when the students are dealing with the individual sounds of language. Most commonly, they'll work on things like blending individual sounds into a word or breaking a word down into its individual sounds.

So, when students are working with the individual sounds they're working on phonemic awareness. When they're working with a unit of language of other various sizes, that's that overarching term phonological awareness.

Thank you so much for taking a couple of seconds to watch the video. Please be sure to subscribe because I will be doing more of these short Q&A videos all throughout the summer, and if you have a question that you'd like to hear answered, please write it in the comments below, and I'll be sure to get to it this summer in between my travels. It is a great thing to do while I'm waiting for my laundry. Have a great summer!