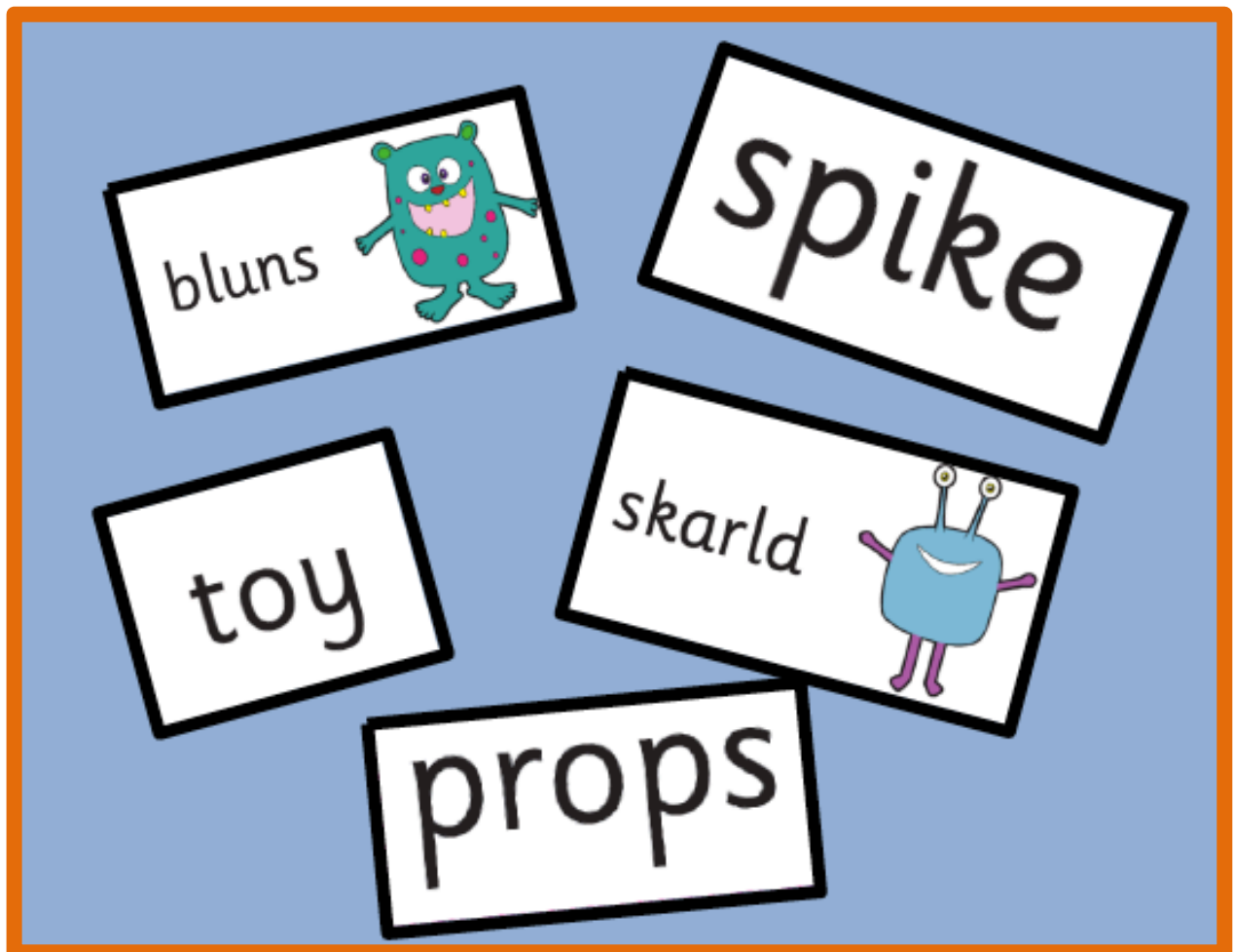


Parent's Guide to the Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Test



What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a short assessment to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding. The checks consist of **40 words and non-words** that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher.

When does it happen?

Schools will be able to administer the check at any time that suits them during the week starting the second week in June.

How long does the check take?

Every child is different, but most children take between four and nine minutes to complete the assessment.

What are 'non-words'?

The check will contain a mix of real words and 'nonsense words'. We use 'nonsense words/alien words' when we teach phonics, so your child should be familiar with the concept. 'Nonsense words' are important because 'words' such as 'vap' or 'jound' are new to all children. Children cannot read the nonsense words by using their memory or vocabulary, they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

What is the pass mark?

The threshold has been 32 words out of 40. The pass mark for 2020 is unknown to teachers and will be revealed after the screening check in June.

What happens if a child does not meet the standard?

The screening check will identify children who have phonic decoding skills below the level expected for the end of Year 1 and who therefore need extra help. Schools will be expected to provide extra help and children will then be able to retake the assessment in Year 2.

How will the results from the phonics screening check be used?





Schools' results will not be published, although all schools will tell parents their child's results.

What does the test look like?

Sample materials are available on the education.gov.uk website. Below is an example from the 2012 Phonics Screening Test. All papers from 2012 to 2019 are available online.

Nonsense words

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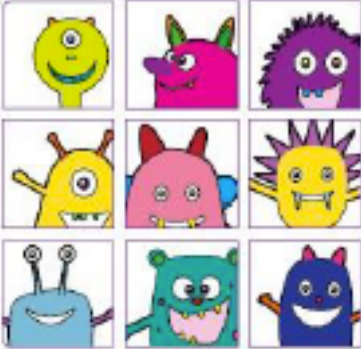
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Real words

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Section 2

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How can I help my child at home?

- Practice the sounds with your child.

Initial sounds

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	t	o
g	c	k	u	b	f	e	l	h	sh
r	j	v	y	w	th	z	ch	qu	x
ng	nk								

Further sounds and their pronunciation



Try timing your child to see how quickly they can recall all the sounds and try to beat their fastest time!

ay: may I play

ee: what can you see

igh: fly high

ow: blow the snow

oo: poo at the zoo

oo: look at a book

ar: start the car

or: shut the door

air: that's not fair

ir: whirl and twirl

ou: shout it out

oy: toy for a boy

Further sounds and their pronunciation

ea: cup of <u>tea</u>
oi: spo <u>il</u> the boy
a-e: make a cake
i-e: nice smile
o-e: phone home
u-e: huge brute
aw: <u>yawn</u> at <u>dawn</u>
are: <u>share</u> and <u>care</u>
ur: <u>purse</u> for a <u>nurse</u>
er: a <u>better</u> <u>letter</u>
ow: <u>brown</u> <u>cow</u>

ai: <u>snail</u> in the <u>rain</u>
oa: <u>goat</u> in a <u>boat</u>
ew: <u>chew</u> the <u>stew</u>
ire: <u>fire</u> <u>fire!</u>
ear: <u>hear</u> with your <u>ear</u>
ure: <u>sure</u> it's <u>pure</u> ?
tion: (celebr <u>ation</u>)
tious / cious: (scrumptious / delicious)
e: <u>he</u> <u>me</u> <u>we</u> <u>she</u> <u>be</u>



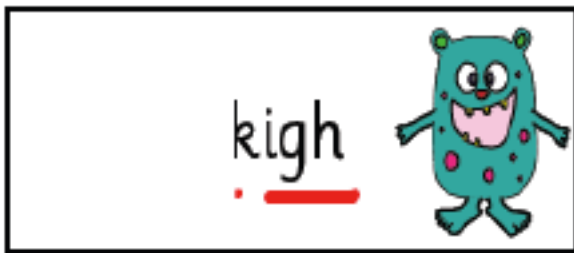
The websites 'Oxford Owl' and 'Mr Thorne does phonics' on You Tube have audio links you can use to hear the correct pronunciation of the sound, as well as a range of resources.



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How can I help my child at home?

- Practice a mix of non-words and real words.



Ask your child to draw 'sound buttons' underneath each sound, to show they can correctly identify each one.



Say all the sounds individually then put the word together.



k - igh = kigh

g - ir - s - t = girst

b - ai - m = baim










Some real word examples

REAL WORDS

argue	invite	pursue	sort
bead	jaunty	queue	sphinx
chew	ladder	quiet	statue
drawer	lawn	quit	theft
escape	main	renew	threw
evening	moan	repeat	thundering
fairground	pew	rocker	tie
flute	pie	rule	trash
fork	pole	scratch	turning
golf	prophet	seventh	use
gran	proud	shelving	value
handstand	prune	sighting	woe

Nonsense words/Alien word examples

aib		dea		gainty		hurp
arfue		deesh		gam		jea
bew		depheuw		gaunty		jea
bleme		deplied		gawn		jole
blied		descroy		geck		joudest
bountain		dess		gick		koe
bup		dest		glese		lort
chawn		dis		gloy		maunch
cheme		enroy		goot		melp
chound		escake		gowl		mept
cleam		exglode		grize		mip
clied		foast		grune		mirst
curt		frelt		hess		
dack		fup		hinner		
				hoost		

nass		reshied		sweast		vuse
numper		rube		swoat		wab
nurn		scaub		teb		wheck
penue		scloe		thid		whem
phantob		scray		thimney		yass
phopics		shar		thirt		zie
phot		shag		thrair		zoil
phream		snill		thrist		zort
phrew		spratch		thrunk		
poil		spraw		thru		
puge		sprew		toam		
quair		stame		tockney		
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quiss		stolphin		vurf		
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How can I help my child at home?

- Use the Internet and Ipads/Tablets.

There are lots of websites available to help your child with their phonics.

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

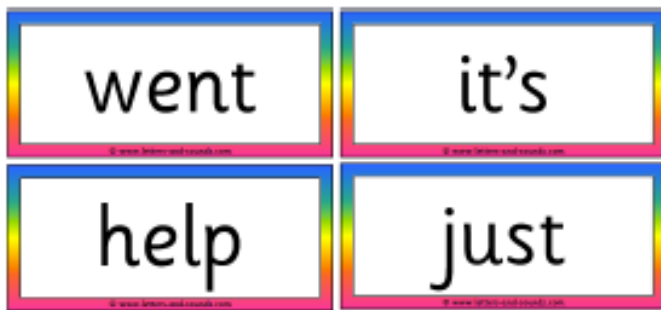
http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

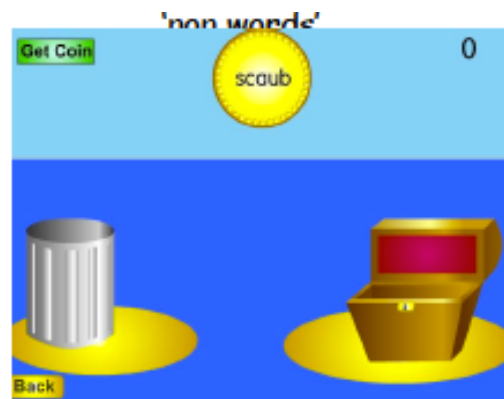
<http://phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.mrthorne.com/>

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



Letters and Sounds has some simple flash cards that can be printed at home for children to practice with and draw sound buttons onto.



Phonics Play has some excellent resource using nonsense words.

Don't forget about your reading books and library books.
Practicing reading daily automatically helps with decoding!