


Phonics Screening Check



What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The Phonics screening check is a compulsory, statutory assessment for all children in Year 1 to sit. As well as any children in Year 2 who did not reach the required pass rate when they were in Year 1. If children fail the check again in Year 2 they do not resit it in Year 3.
- It started in June 2012.
- The phonics screening check must take place during June.
- The check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.

What the phonics screening check will look like?

Practice sheet: Real words	Practice sheet: Pseudo words
in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
sum	ect 

What will the phonics screening check look like?

- The check will include a ten page booklet with four words on each page.
- The check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words.
- Each page will contain either four pseudo-words or four real words.

Digraphs and Trigraphs

If a sound is made up of 2 or 3 letters we call it a digraph or trigraph, for example:

oo ea igh ay ow

We teach children to sound out the word and then blend the word.

cake nigh t noi !

The Two Sections

Section 1

The words in section 1 will have a variety of simple word structures (for example CVC, VCC, CCVC and CVCC) using single letters (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q(u), r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z), some consonant digraphs (ch, ck, ff, ll, ng, sh, ss, th, zz) and frequent and consistent vowel digraphs (ar, ee, oi, oo, or).



Section 2

The words in section 2 will have a variety of more complex word structures (for example CCVCC, CCCVC, CCCVCC and two syllable words) with some additional consonant digraphs (ph, wh), some less frequent and consistent vowel digraphs, including split digraphs (a-e, ai, au, aw, ay, ea, e-e, er, ew, i-e, ie, ir, oa, o-e, ou, ow, oy, ue, u-e, ur) and trigraphs (air, igh).

Timetabling and Delivery

- There is no time limit for the check. The children can take as long as they like but it usually takes most children between 4 and 9 minutes to complete.
- For those children who can not concentrate for long periods, the check can be broken up into short periods and administered over a period of time, such as a day.
- The check is carried out in a quiet place with a teacher who they know.
- Prior to the test there is a practice sheet of alien and non alien words to go through together before you begin.

Scoring the check

- The teacher will record whether the child has said the word correctly or not by ticking in the column.
- Since 2012 the pass rate has remained at 32 words out of 40 to pass. However they now publish the pass rate after all the scores are sent off.
- You will be informed of whether your child passed or failed and the score they got at the end of the year along with their report.

We are now going to watch a section of the Phonic Check Training Video which trains teachers on delivering the phonics check with children.



What happens if your child does not score 32?

- If your child is currently in Year 1 they will have been learning the sounds in class and practising with mock checks each term. If they do not score 32 in June they will be identified for support in Year 2. They will be retested in Year 1.

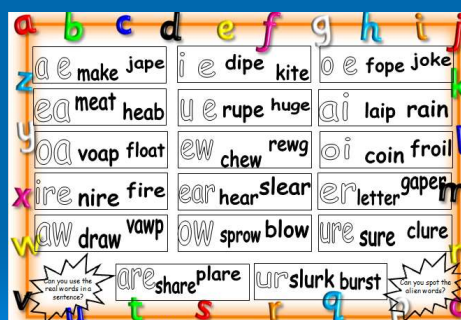
What can you do to support your child?

- Make up alien words together using the sounds.
- Find digraphs round the house, spot them in words they read in books or when out and about!
- Look out for additional support in your child's bookbag e.g. alien words activity sheets.
- Visit www.phonicsplay.com lots of different games to practise.

Useful links

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alp_hablocks
- <https://www.readwithphonics.com/>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Any questions?



Thank you very much for attending!