



PHONICS SCREENING

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What is the phonics screening check?

- All **year 1** pupils in England take the phonics screening check. It's done in school by our staff.

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- The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5-10 minutes. Some words are real words, and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words, that help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before.

What is the phonics screening check?

- The check helps us to see:
- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support
- The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

When will it be happening?

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Year 1 will do the phonics screening check in **June 2023**

Do we get to know the results?

- We have to report the results to the local authority by the end of the autumn (year 2) or summer (year 1) term. We'll also let you know the results after your child has sat the screening.
- If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year (for year 1) or in the summer term (for year 2). It's normally nothing to worry about. The results don't count towards any league tables

Do we need to prepare at home?

- Your child is being taught phonics at school and no special work at home is needed.
- However, you can always help your child by:
- Reading to and with them and recording in their reading journals.
- Playing sound and reading games, for example on websites such as [phonicsplay](#)
- Encourage children to use 'fred talk' when decoding unfamiliar words
- Practicing alien words

Pure Sounds

- **Speed Sounds Set 1:**

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

- **Speed Sounds Set 2:**

- ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy

- **Speed Sounds Set 3:**

- ea oi a-e i-e o-e u-e aw are ur er ow ai oa ew ire ear
ure ph ck kn wh e-e au tious cious tion oe ie ue

How to say the sounds

- [Parent video: How to say the sounds – YouTube](#)

Let's have a go!

p-r-a-m	t-r-a-p
b-e-s-t	b-e-ll
s-l-i-d	h-i-n-t

Can you find how many sounds each word has?
Can you use fred talk to segment the word?
Can you blend it back together?

Let's have a go! Split digraphs

brute

stone

make

Alien Words

 Set 2 Nonsense Words: ee



sclee

Alien Words

Set 2 Nonsense Words: igh



quigh

Alien Words

Set 2 Nonsense Words: or



skorb