

# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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**Phoneme** – what the sound is.

**Grapheme** – what the sound looks like.

**Segment** – split word into individual phonemes e.g. /c/ /a/ /t/

**Blend** – blend the sounds together e.g. “cat”

**Diagraph** – two letters, one sound

**Split diagraph** – two letters, split, that make one sound.



## Date of screening check:

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## What happens in the phonics screening check?

There are two sections in this 40-word check and it assesses phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Your child will read up to four words per page for their teacher and they will probably do the check in one sitting of about 5-10 minutes.

## What sort of check is it and is it compulsory?

It is a school-based check to make sure that your child receives any additional support promptly, should they need it. It is not a stressful situation as the teacher will be well-equipped to listen and understand your child's level of skills.

There will be a few practice words first to make sure your child understands the activity.

## What does it check?

It checks that your child can:

Sound out and blend graphemes in order to read simple words.

Read phonically decodable one-syllable and two-syllable words, e.g. cat, sand, windmill.

Read a selection of nonsense words which are referred to as pseudo words.

## What should I do if my child is struggling to decode a word?

Say each sound in the word from left to right.

Blend the sounds by pointing to each letter, i.e. /b/ in bat, or letter group, i.e. /igh/ in sigh, as you say the sound, then run your finger under the whole word as you say it.

Talk about the meaning if your child does not understand the word they have read.

Work at your child's pace.

Always be positive and give lots of praise and encouragement.

### **How to help at home:**

Play lots of sounds and listening games.

Read as much as possible to and with your child.

Encourage and praise!

Get them to have a 'good guess'.

Look for "special friends"

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) – Buried Treasure/Picnic on Pluto

Phase 3/4/5

Sort real words and nonsense

[www.ruthmiskin.com](http://www.ruthmiskin.com) – Downloads and videos

Sound pronunciation guide

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/phonics-made-easy/>