

# Year 2 Phonics Screening Check Parent Information Guide Autumn 2020

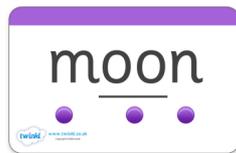
## What is Phonics?

Phonics is a way of teaching reading where your child is taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound (or sounds) they represent. Children can then start to read words by **blending** the sounds together to make a word.

Some sounds are represented by single letters. For example, the **s**, **a** and **t** in 'sat' are all separate sounds:



Some sounds are represented by two letters ('digraphs'). For example, the **oo** sound in 'moon' or the **ch** sound in 'rich':



Some sounds are represented by three letters ('trigraphs'). For example, the **igh** sound in 'night' or the **air** sound in 'fair':



Sometimes, vowel sounds (a/e/i/o/u) are split by a consonant. This is called a 'split digraph'. Here are some examples:

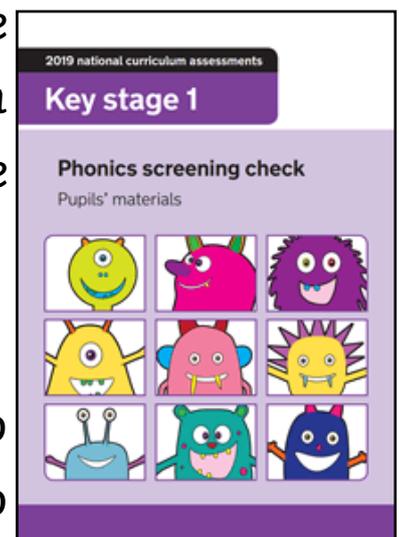
a-e	e-e	i-e	o-e	u-e
came	these	like	bone	June
made	Pete	time	pole	flute

## What is the Year 2 Phonics Screening Check?

The Phonics Screening Check is a statutory national reading test to confirm whether children can read/blend words to an appropriate standard. It is usually administered during the month of June in Year 1. However, due to the national lockdown, the current Year 2 children could not take the Check last year. Therefore, they will be undertaking the Check in the second half of the Autumn term instead. In our school, this will take place between **Monday 23rd and Friday 27th November**. In the meantime, your child will be receiving daily lessons in Letters & Sounds to prepare them for the Check. Please be assured that the Phonics Check is not presented to children as a 'test' and, therefore, should not be stressful or worrying for them.

### How are the results used?

The results of the Check will be used to identify children who need extra help so that they can be given support to improve their reading skills. After the Check is administered, a 'pass score' will be published and this will indicate whether each child has or has not met the expected Phonics standard. This year, if a Year 2 child does not 'pass' the Check in November, they will have another opportunity to do so in June 2021. They will be provided with interventions to support them with this. All parents will be informed of their child's result.



## What happens during the Phonics Check?

The Check contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one with their teacher and will be asked to read each word aloud. The Check will take approximately 10 minutes per child; although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words is a combination of 20 real words and 20 'alien words'.

Here are some examples:

### **Real words**

trunk

groups

straw

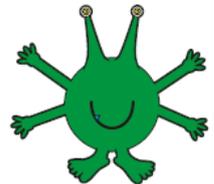
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### **Alien words**

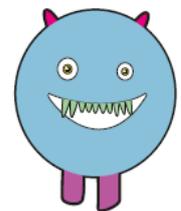
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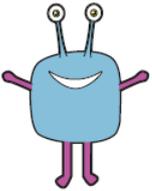
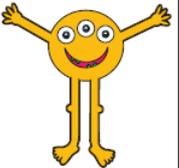
You will find more information about 'alien words' on the next page...

## What are 'alien words'?

'Alien words' are nonsense words with no meaning. Alien words are included in the Check because they will be new to all pupils. They test good use of Phonic blending without children being able to rely on visual memory of words. In the Phonics Check, all alien words will be accompanied by a picture of an alien, so that children are aware that they are not real words and will not make sense.

## What does the Phonics Check look like?

This is what the Phonics Check booklet looks like...

Section 1	Section 2
chum	clend 
kick	braits 
reef	scrug 
short	splue 

## How can I help my child at home?

- \* Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- \* Practise recognition of sounds, including 'digraphs' and 'trigraphs':

<b>s</b> sat	<b>t</b> tap	<b>p</b> pan	<b>n</b> nose	<b>m</b> mat	<b>a</b> ant	<b>e</b> egg	<b>i</b> ink	<b>o</b> otter
<b>g</b> goat	<b>d</b> dog	<b>ck</b> click	<b>r</b> run	<b>h</b> hat	<b>u</b> up	<b>ai</b> rain	<b>ee</b> knee	<b>igh</b> light
<b>b</b> bus	<b>f</b> farm	<b>l</b> lolly	<b>j</b> jam	<b>v</b> van	<b>oa</b> boat	<b>oo</b> cook	<b>oo</b> boot	<b>ar</b> star
<b>w</b> wish	<b>x</b> axe	<b>y</b> yell	<b>z</b> zap	<b>qu</b> quill	<b>or</b> fork	<b>ur</b> burn	<b>ow</b> now	<b>oi</b> boil
<b>ch</b> chin	<b>sh</b> ship	<b>th</b> think	<b>th</b> the	<b>ng</b> sing	<b>ear</b> near	<b>air</b> stair	<b>ure</b> sure	<b>er</b> writer

- \* Practise reading alternative spellings of sounds:

<b>ai</b>	<b>air</b>	<b>ee</b>	<b>er</b>	<b>igh</b>	<b>oa</b>	<b>oo</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>ou</b>	<b>oy</b>
ay	ear	ea	ur	ie	o-e	u-e	au	ow	oi
a-e	are	ey	ir	i-e	ow	ew	aw		
ey	ere	ie	or	y	oe	ue	ore		
					oh		our		
							oor		
							augh		
<p>Other spellings</p> <p>ure wh ph</p>									

- \* Practise a mixture of real and alien words (*see next page for more examples*).

## More examples of alien words:

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

nass	reshied	sweast	vuse
numper	rube	swoat	
nurn			wab
	scaub		wheck
penue	sclue	teb	whem
phantob	scray	thid	
phopics	shar	thimney	
phot	shar	thirt	yass
phream	shag	thrair	
phrew	snill	thrist	zie
poil	spratch	thrunk	zoil
puge	spraw	thru	zort
	sprew	toam	
quair	stame	tockney	
quig	stod	vaw	
quiss	stolphin	vurf	
	stroe		

### Useful websites:

★ **Letters and Sounds**

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

★ **Cbeebies Alphablocks**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

★ **BBC Bitesize Phonics**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcqqtf>

★ **ICT Games: Literacy**

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

★ **Family Learning Phonics Games**

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

★ **Phonics Play**

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

★ **Oxford Owl**

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

★ **Phonics Bloom**

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

### Useful apps:

★ Teach Your Monster To Read

★ Phonics Genius

★ Meet the Alphablocks

★ ABC Alphabet Phonics

★ ABC Kids

### Phonics Videos on Youtube:

★ Mr T's Phonics

★ Mr Mc

★ Jolly Phonics

*Please note: If you search for 'Phonics Games' on your web browser or app store, you will find many more examples!*