

Year 1

Phonics Screening Check

defined by the DfE as “short, light-touch assessment.”

What?

The Phonics Screening Check (or Phonics Screening Test) is a test to assess and show how well your child can use and apply their phonics skills of 85 sounds-not all of these are included in the test.

Phase 2 (Year R): s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r h b f l ss ff ll

Phase 3 (Year R): j v w x y z qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er zz

Phase 4 (Year 1): no new sounds

Phase 5 (Year 1): wh ph ay a-e ea e-e ie ey y ie i-e y ow oe o-e ew ue u-e aw au ir ou oy

Phase 6 (Year 2): no new sounds

When?

It takes place every year in the Summer term.

This year's Phonics Screening Check will take place in the week beginning Monday 12th June.

Parents and children will find out if they have 'passed' in the end of year school report.

Who?

Every child in Year 1 in England has to take the Phonics Screening Check. There is an exception if your child does not have grapheme-phoneme correspondence.

Children who have not passed in Year 1 will resit the following year when in Year 2.

Where?

The children will do this in a quiet, comfortable space in school.

The test is administered one-to-one with their teacher.

How?

Children are asked to read (decode-sound out and blend) 40 words. Most of these words are real words, but some are not real (alien words). An alien word is a fake word that contains the sounds children should know.

The test is divided into two sections. In section one, children are asked to recognise simple sounds from the earlier phases of the phonics curriculum (Phase 2/3).

Section two of the Phonics Screening Check is a bit trickier. Here, children need to recognise sounds later stages of the phonics curriculum (Phase 5).

There isn't a time limit, but it usually takes around ten minutes. Children are allowed breaks if necessary.

The pass mark is commonly 32/40.

Why?

In simple terms, a Phonics Screening Check is designed to check whether pupils have a good understanding of what they have learnt in phonics so far. Phonics screening started in 2012.

The Phonics Screening Check is an opportunity for teachers to identify children who need help with their phonics.

Most children pass the Phonics Screening Test. If a child doesn't pass and doesn't meet the expected standard, they will be given the appropriate support with their phonics to help them reach the expected standard.

Support

Flashcards in book bags.

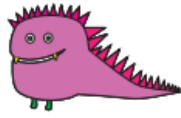
Regular reading.

There are lots of Phonics Screening Check resources online that can help you prepare your child for the Phonics Screening Check. [PhonicsPlay](#)

Daily lessons and extra support 1:1 in school.

Children who can love and enjoy reading!

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Phonics

Screening check: answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
bem			
dax			
kig			
eld			
besh			
quab			
barp			
chell			
grux			
smung			
nesk			
foint			
thud			
hang			
coin			
shell			
twig			
flick			
vest			
horns			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
vair			
cloat			
tirt			
whike			
plunt			
flards			
spran			
splew			
globe			
teams			
bowl			
chase			
print			
clouds			
spree			
stroke			
visit			
fabric			
trapeze			
concrete			

Total correct	
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