

Examples of the Words Used in the Screening Check

Examples of the real words used in the screening test.

sun	tip
tent	rock
mood	stay
kite	chair
singing	crisps
round	drain
might	light
grain	handy
haze	scrape
alone	invade

Examples of the pseudo words used in the screening test

reb		ald	
nud		feeb	
dreet		ebruf	
kear		omick	
fargrim		blurtin	
cright		stroil	
coab		zigh	
quoam		thrugging	
ostou		fowsprut	
gaiteen		waiber	

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KS1 Phonics
Screening Test:

Information for
Parents

What is the phonics screening test?

In September 2011, the Government announced that a new, statutory phonics screening check would be administered for all children in year 1.

The purpose of the phonics screening check is to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age-appropriate standard.

Children who have not reached this level will continue to receive extra support in school to ensure they can improve their decoding skills, and they will then have the opportunity to retake the screening test during year 2.

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The following section outlines how the check is administered.

- Before the screening check begins there will be some practice words for the children- this will enable them to get used to the screening format.
- The phonics screening check will be constructed of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words.. The pseudo-words provide the purest assessment of phonic decoding because they will be completely new to the children.
- The pseudo-words will be presented with a picture prompt [a picture of an imaginary creature]
- The real words will include words which children are less likely to have read previously. [Less common words are included so that the children will have to use their decoding skills to read]



- The screening check will begin with simple words to make it accessible to all children, however the words at the end of the screening check are around the level of difficulty the children are expected to reach by the end of year 1.
- The phonics screen check will be scored by your child's teacher as they work through the check.
- All scores will be reported to the Standards and Testing Agency.
- The test is compulsory and must be carried out by all schools.
- There will be no extra stress to your child during the phonics screening. The children will be sitting with a teacher they know and it will only take a few minutes to complete!