

6-Level Phonics Screener

A 10-minute at-home assessment following the same progression as the UK/Australian Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Find exactly where to focus next.

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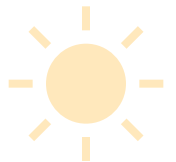
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How to use this worksheet

- 1 Find a quiet spot, 10 minutes, no distractions.
- 2 Work through the levels in order — point to or show each item, and have your child say it out loud.
- 3 Mark each item's box: a check for correct, an X for incorrect, or a slash for hesitated.
- 4 Use the scoring guide at the bottom of each level's page to decide whether to move on or practice more first.

Tip

Find the highest level where your child scored below 80% — that's the starting point for practice. Don't skip ahead; a shaky level slows down every level after it.



Level 1 — Single Letter Sounds

Point to each letter. Child says its SOUND, not its name.

s	☐	d	☐	r	☐	w	☐
a	☐	g	☐	h	☐	x	☐
t	☐	o	☐	b	☐	y	☐
p	☐	c	☐	f	☐	z	☐
i	☐	k	☐	l	☐	q	☐
n	☐	e	☐	j	☐		
m	☐	u	☐	v	☐		

Scoring guide

24-26 correct

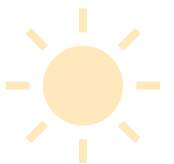
Single letters are solid. Move to Level 2.

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Spend another 2-3 weeks on the missed letters before progressing.

Score: ____ / 26 correct

Date: _____



Level 2 — CVC Decoding

Show each word. Child blends the sounds and says the word — don't help with individual sounds.

sat

☐

wig

☐

pin

☐

top

☐

hop

☐

cut

☐

mug

☐

lap

☐

bed

☐

fin

☐

Scoring guide

8-10 correct

CVC blending is solid.

4-7 correct

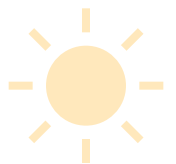
Blending is emerging — needs daily practice with the CVC word list.

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Letter sounds may not be automatic yet. Return to Level 1.

Score: ____ / 10 correct

Date: _____



Level 3 — Digraphs

Show each word. Two letters, one sound.

chip

☐

photo

☐

shop

☐

much

☐

thin

☐

wish

☐

ring

☐

cloth

☐

when

☐

sting

☐

Scoring guide

8-10 correct

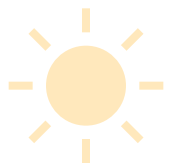
Digraphs are solid.

Below 8

Work through the 6-week digraph plan.

Score: ____ / 10 correct

Date: _____



Level 4 — Consonant Blends

Show each word.

flag

☐

blink

☐

drip

☐

grabs

☐

crest

☐

plant

☐

slump

☐

twist

☐

frog

☐

scamp

☐

Scoring guide

8-10 correct

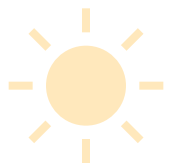
Blends are solid.

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Drill the consonant blends list — one column per week.

Score: ____ / 10 correct

Date: _____



Level 5 — Long Vowels (Magic-E + Vowel Teams)

Show each word.

Magic-E

cake

☐

cube

☐

bike

☐

tune

☐

home

☐

Vowel Teams

rain

☐

blue

☐

feet

☐

play

☐

boat

☐

Scoring guide

8-10 correct

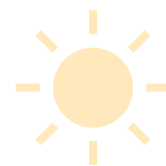
Long vowels are solid. Ready for multi-syllable words.

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Start with magic-e, then vowel teams.

Score: ____ / 10 correct

Date: _____



Level 6 — Pseudo-Words (Nonsense Words)

Tell your child: "These are made-up alien words. Sound them out and tell me what they say."

bim

☐

snick

☐

stof

☐

dasp

☐

chep

☐

throlt

☐

vug

☐

fluv

☐

blate

☐

zeem

☐

Scoring guide

8-10 correct

Phonics generalisation is strong — truly decoding, not guessing.

Below 8

More practice with unfamiliar words — try Sound Match, which randomises words.

Score: ____ / 10 correct

Date: _____

