

Focus on Phonics

Letters and Sounds Assessment Record

This record sheet is to enable you to assess your child's knowledge of letters and the sounds they represent.

Mark with a tick when your child is shown the letter (or group of letters e.g. 'sh' or 'igh') and can accurately give the correct letter sound it represents.

Once learned, the first letters 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n' provide children with an easy, but very useful set with which to build two-letter and three-letter words.

To enable your child to gain confidence in reading, they should only be asked to read words containing letter sounds they know securely.

Usually, children are taught one way of representing the 42 main sounds of English first, and then go on to learn the alternative spellings later on.

These assessment sheets can be used to record your child's progress whatever phonic reading programme they may be following, although the order will vary from programme to programme (for example Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics introduce 'ai' as the first representation of the sound, whereas Read Write Inc. introduce 'ay' first. Some programmes introduce 'ay' and 'ai' at the same time).

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s	a	t	p
i	n	m	d
g	o	c	k
ck	e	u	r
h	b	f	ff
l	ll	ss	
j	v	w	x
y	z	zz	qu

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ch	chip	ar	farm
sh	shop	or	for
th	thin then	ur	hurt
ng	ring	ow	cow
ai	rain	oi	coin
ee	feet	ear	dear
igh	night	air	fair
oa	boat	ure	sure
oo	boot book	er	her

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Alternative spellings for sounds

/c/	k	ck	qu	x	ch
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/ch/	tch				
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/f/	ph				
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/j/	g	dge			
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/m/	mb				
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/n/	kn	gn			
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/ng/	n(k)				
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/r/	wr				
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/s/	c	sc			
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/sh/	ch	t(ion)	ss(ion, ure)	s(ion, ure)	c(ion, ious,ial)
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/v/	ve				
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/w/	wh				
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/e/	ea				
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/i/	y	ey			
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/o/	(w)a				
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/u/ (south)	o				
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<i>/ai/</i>	ay	a-e	eigh	ey	ei
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<i>/ee/</i>	ea	e-e	ie	y	ey
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	eo				
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<i>/igh/</i>	y	ie	i-e		
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<i>/oa/</i>	ow	oe	o-e	o	
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<i>/oo/</i>	ew	ue	ui	ou	
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<i>/ool/</i>	u	oul	o (north)		
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<i>/ar/</i>	a (south)				
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/or/	aw	au	al	our	
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/ur/	ir	er	ear		
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/ow/	ou				
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/oi/	oy				
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/ear/	ere	eer			
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/air/	are	ear			
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/ure/	our				
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/er/	our	e	u		
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/zh/ vision					
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