

Year 1 phonics screening check

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What is phonics?

- A system that teaches children the alphabetic code to be able to read and write words.
- The English language is extremely complex so we have to teach it in a careful way that builds on what your child knows so they develop confidence.

Don't put unnecessary pressure on children!



- Children do not need to know this is a test.
- They will be aware that they will be reading some words 1:1 with class teacher and some will think it is like a 'phonics competition'.
- The less stress for the children the better they will perform.

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- 40 words
- 20 real words
- 20 non words (alien)
- Blending for reading
- Decoding skills only
- Not assessing children's ability to understand and read for meaning

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Non words

- kigh
- strom
- pib



Why does the test include non words?

- Non words are an established assessment method in many schools, and are included in many phonics programmes.
- They are included because they will be new to all pupils, so there won't be a bias to those with a good memory of words.
- Pupils who can read non words should have the skills to decode almost any unfamiliar word.



Confused by the non words?

- The evidence from the pilot showed that a significant majority of teachers agreed that including non words in the assessment was suitable.
- Of course, it is important that children understand the difference between real words and non words, so that pupils do not try to decode a non word as a similar real word. Eg. gip pig or starp strap
- The non words are presented alongside a picture of an imaginary creature, and children can be told the non word is the name of that type of creature.
- This helps children to understand the non word should not be matched to their existing vocabulary.



Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk



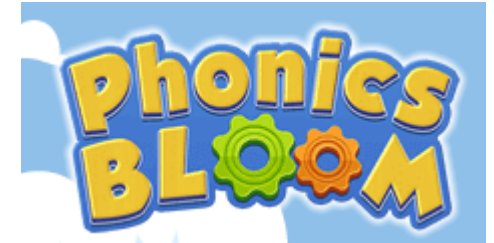
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where learning to read becomes reading to learn

Introduction

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Blends

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Spellings

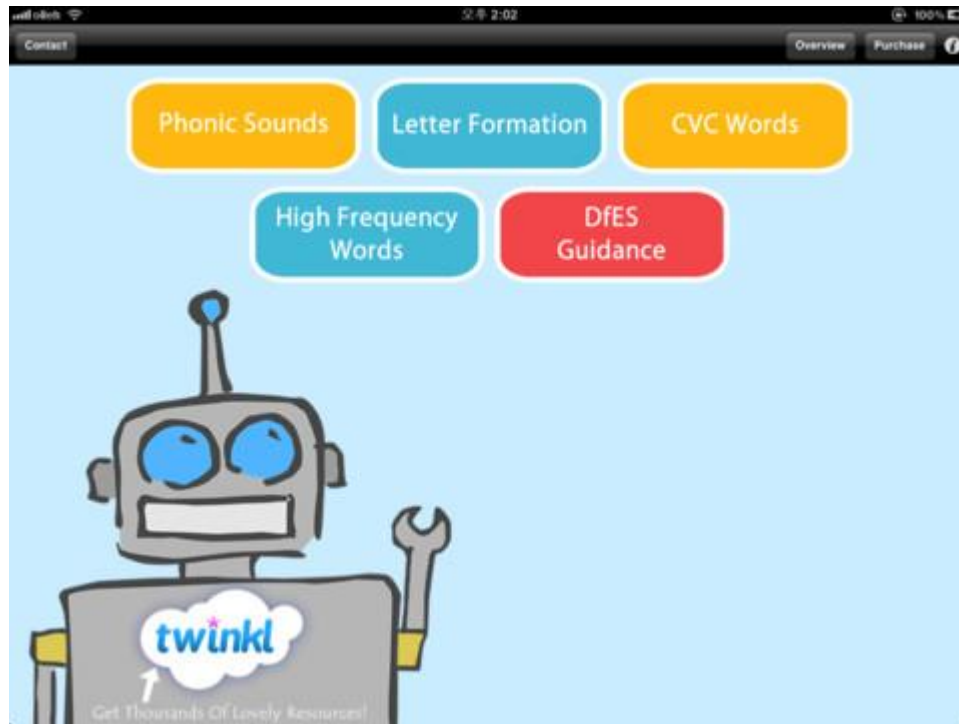
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Tricky Words

CHALLENGE!



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NB: Phase 2, 3 and 5 (NOT phase 4)

What else...

A phonics workshop every Wednesday after school from 3:15-4:15 in Miss Robinson's classroom.

This will help children who need that last little boost.
If you feel your child would benefit from this speak to Miss Robinson or you child's class teacher.



Please feel free to use the Ipad
to have a look through the
suggested apps and games.