

## Check for families




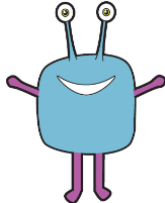


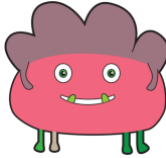

Here is an example of the kind of words your child might be asked to read in the Phonics Check.

Some words are real words that they might have seen before like 'cat' and 'blow'. Other words are nonsense words called 'pseudo-words.' Children won't have seen these nonsense words so need to use their phonics skills to read them correctly.

Discover what sounds to listen for as your child reads each word and some hints for helping them if they need more support. You could play some rhyming games using the words in the list.

Word/pseudo word	Listen for these sounds	Hints to help with saying the word or pseudo word.
in	i-n	This has the short 'i' vowel sound and rhymes with <i>bin</i> & <i>win</i> .
at	a-t	This has the short 'a' vowel sound and rhymes with <i>sat</i> & <i>cat</i> .
beg	b-e-g	This has the short 'e' vowel sound that starts <i>egg</i> and the soft 'g' of <i>give</i> & <i>gate</i> . It rhymes with <i>egg</i> & <i>leg</i> .
sum	s-u-m	This has the short 'u' vowel sound and rhymes with <i>mum</i> .
chip	ch-i-p	This word has 'c' and 'h' that makes the 'ch' sound that is also in <i>chin</i> & <i>chicken</i> . This has the short 'i' vowel sound. The word rhymes with <i>hip</i> & <i>sip</i> .

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stop	s-t-o-p	In this word the 's' and 't' can each be heard but they are blended together to make 'st'. This word rhymes with <i>hop</i> & <i>mop</i> .
thorn	th-or-n	This has 'th' that is said with the breath like in <i>bath</i> & <i>think</i> . The 'o' and 'r' make the 'or' sound that makes it rhyme with <i>corn</i> & <i>born</i> .
truck	t-r-u-ck	In this word 't' and 'r' can each be heard but they are blended together to make 'tr', like in <i>tree</i> . The 'ck' makes one 'k' sound, like at the end of <i>lick</i> . This word rhymes with <i>stuck</i> .
flute	f-l-u-te	In this word the 'f' and 'l' are blended together to make the 'fl' sound as in <i>flea</i> . In this word the 'u' makes the long vowel sound, the letter name, 'U' is heard. The 'e' is silent. This word rhymes with <i>cute</i> & <i>mute</i> .
goat	g-oa-t	This word has the soft 'g' sound as in <i>gap</i> . The 'oa' makes the long 'O' vowel sound, the 'O' letter name is heard. This word rhymes with <i>coat</i> .
shrubs	sh-r-u-b-s	This word starts with 'sh', the same sound that starts <i>shop</i> & <i>ship</i> . The 'sh' blends with 'r'. The short 'u' vowel sound is heard, like in <i>hut</i> . The word rhymes with <i>tubs</i> & <i>rubs</i> .
queen	qu-ee-n	The 'q' and 'u' are said together to make a 'kw' sound, as in <i>quick</i> & <i>quiet</i> . The 'ee' sounds like the 'E' letter name. This word rhymes with <i>seen</i> & <i>mean</i> .

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ot		o-t	This has 'o' as in the first sound in <i>orange</i> . It rhymes with <i>pot</i> & <i>lot</i> .
vap		v-a-p	This has the 'v' sound from the start of <i>vase</i> and the short 'a' sound from <i>apple</i> . It rhymes with <i>lap</i> & <i>sap</i> .
osk		o-sk	This has the short 'o' sound from the start of <i>orange</i> . The 's' and 'k' are said together, like the 'sk' sound from <i>skip</i> . It blends to make the start of the name <b>Oscar</b> .
ect		e-c-t	This has the short 'e' sound as at the start of <i>egg</i> . It has the hard 'c' as at the start of <i>can</i> & <i>come</i> . It has 't' as in the start of <i>top</i> & <i>tin</i> . It blends to make the ending sound in <b>connect</b> .
desh		d-e-sh	The 's' and 'h' are said together to make 'sh' as in <i>shop</i> . This word rhymes with <i>fresh</i> & <i>mesh</i> .
chab		ch-a-b	This starts with 'ch' as at the start of <i>chop</i> & <i>chip</i> . This could also start with 'ch' as at the start of <i>chef</i> & <i>chute</i> . It rhymes with <i>stab</i> & <i>slab</i> .
poil		p-oi-l	This has 'oi' that sounds like the beginning of <i>oil</i> . It rhymes with <i>boil</i> & <i>spoil</i> .
yune		y-u-ne	This starts with 'y' like the start of <i>yellow</i> . It has a silent 'e'. This rhymes with <i>June</i> & <i>tune</i> .