





# The smallest units of sound within a language. There are 44 phonemes in the English language to learn! Grapheme The written form for a sound.

## Terminology

LETTERS AND SOUNDS

Digraph

Two letters representing one sound e.g. 'oa'

Trigraph

Three letters representing one sound e.g. 'igh'

Split digraph

A digraph representing a vowel sound where its two letters are split by an intervening consonant (for example, 'a\_e' in 'take').

## **Terminology**



To combine sounds together to say a word e.g. wh / ea / t becomes wheat.

Blend

To break down a word into individual sounds e.g. catch becomes c / a / tch.

Segment

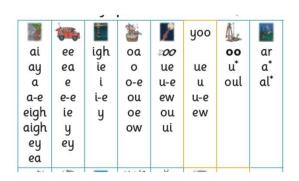
## What your child has been taught so far



Your child has been taught most of Phase 5, they know:

- new graphemes for the Phase 2 and 3 sounds
- that the same grapheme can have alternative pronunciations e.g. 'ea' as in 'read' or 'bread'

The 'Grow the code' lessons support children with reading and spelling these alternative spellings.



## **Reading words**



- blend independently
- blend in their heads with increasing fluency and confidence
- start to distinguish between different phonemes/graphemes.







# **Phonics Screening Check**

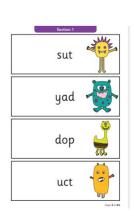
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# Soon we will be preparing for the Phonics Screening Check

### What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- It is a check of your child's phonics knowledge.
- It is **not** designed to create any stress or anxiety for your child.
- It assesses decoding skills using phonics.
- It consists of 40 words (20 real words, 20 'alien words'). Little Wandle introduces 'alien words' in Summer 1.

If children do not achieve the required score in Year 1, they will retake the screening at the end of Year 2.

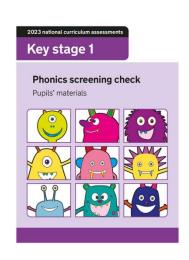




## How does the check work?



- Your child will sit with a member of staff that they know.
- They will be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- There is no time limit to complete the check.
- If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop.
- We encourage children to use sound buttons when reading the words.
- It has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.



# What are 'alien words'? Why we teach alien words for Phonics Screening Check A quick guide to alien words

## 'Alien words' recap





- · The check will contain 20 'alien words'.
- The children will be familiar with alien words and will start to read them in the Summer term.
- Alien words assess children's decoding skills and are used in lessons for the purpose of preparing for the Phonics Screening Check **only**.
- Children cannot read these words by using their memory or known vocabulary, so they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.

### Sound buttons



A graphic device to help children recognise the separate phonemes in a printed word. Sound buttons can be used as a support in the early stages of learning. For each word, a dot is placed under any single-letter grapheme and a short horizontal line under the group of letters that form a digraph or trigraph, as shown below.







# Reading at home

# The most important thing you can do is read with your child

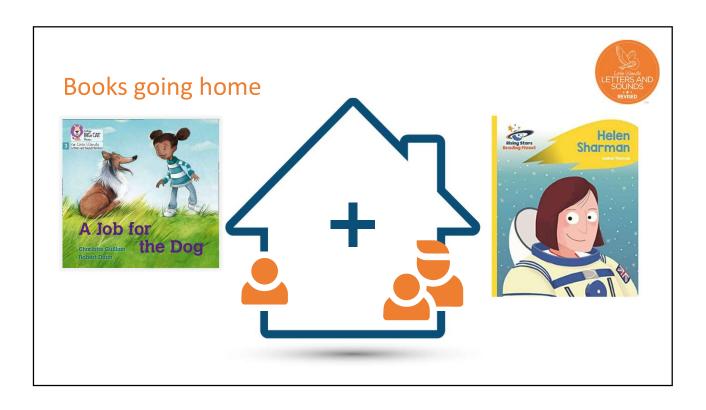


Reading a book and chatting has a positive impact on your child's ability to...

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills.



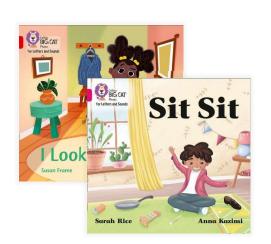
Parental involvement in the development of children's reading skills: A five-year longitudinal study (2002) Senechal, M. and Lefvre, J



# Listening to your child read their BIG CAT COLLINS book



- Your child should be able to read their without your help.
- If they can't read a word encourage them to sound it out using their phonic knowledge.
- Talk about the book and celebrate their success.



## Reading with your child

# LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED

# The shared book is for you and your child to read together:

- Encourage your child to make the story sound as exciting as they can by changing their voice.
- Talk with your child as much as you can:
  - o Introduce new and exciting language.
  - o Encourage your child to use new vocabulary.
  - o Make up sentences together.
  - o Find different words to use.
  - o Describe things you see.



## Supporting your child with phonics







Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



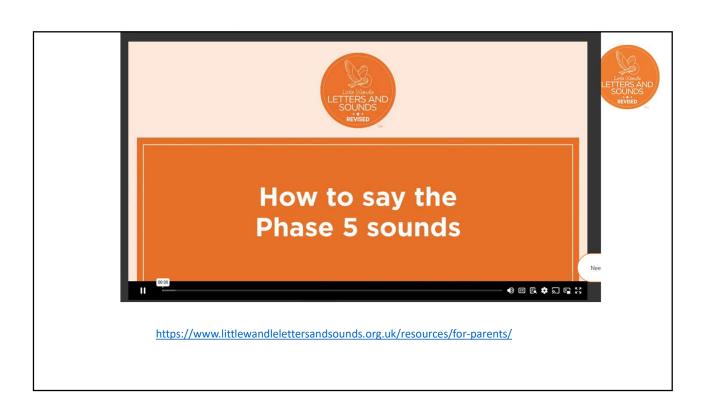
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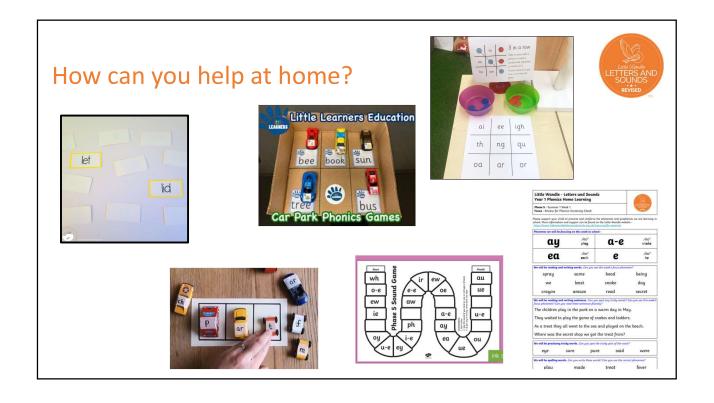


Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1



How to say Phase 5 sounds







Thank you for coming.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask and look at the resources around the hall.