

HOW TO USE THIS SCREENER

Keep this simple and low pressure. **(This is NOT a test)**

SIT TOGETHER IN A QUIET SPACE.

Make sure your reader
can see the phonics
skill sheet clearly.

START WITH STEP #1,

ask your reader to say each
sound or **word** out loud.
(Cover the other lines so they
can only see one at a time.)

Encourage them to try their best but
if they're unsure, it's okay to move on.

IF THE EARLIER STEPS ARE TOO SIMPLE,

don't hesitate to
skip to a later Step.

USING THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SHEET,

circle any sound or word
that is incorrect. When they
read 3 sounds/words incorrectly
in a row, stop.

Celebrate the effort!



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



cat | lip | mad | wet | fun | sad | pot | lug | rim



them | wham | chin | puck | shop | whip
check | bath | thick | dish | shut



blot | plan | swim | drum | crab | stop
skid | dent | melt | trim | shelf



shake | mine | plane | trade | drone | cube
stripe | home | robe | theme



park | birth | corn | curl | start | clerk
shirt | fork | burst | sharp | fern



steam | play | float | blue | joy | sweet
claim | tooth | soap | fruit | pie | spoil



sunset | picnic | napkin | goldfinch | rainbow
playground | sunflower | umbrella | fantastic

Phonics Skill Screener - Parent/Guardian Sheet

Circle the sounds/words that your reader was not able to read correctly.

When they read 3 sounds/words incorrectly in a row, **stop**.

1	a m s t p f i n o d c u g b e s k h r l w j y x q u v z f f l l s s z z
2	cat lip mad wet fun sad pot lug rim
3	them wham chin puck shop whip check bath thick dish shut
4	blot plan swim drum crab stop skid dent melt trim shelf
5	shake mine plane trade drone cube stripe home robe theme
6	park birth corn curl start clerk shirt fork burst sharp fern
7	steam play float blue joy sweet claim tooth soap fruit pie spoil
8	sunset picnic napkin goldfinch rainbow playground sunflower umbrella fantastic

WHAT DECODABLE STEP SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

As you work through the Phonics Screener, **when your reader reads 3 sounds/words incorrectly in a row, STOP.**

This is a great Step to begin practicing!

(Note: If your reader cannot correctly say at least 10 sounds in Step 1, continue building letter-sound knowledge and return to this screener at a later time.)

PHONICS SKILL STEPS

1. **Spelling-Sound Correspondence**
2. **Consonant-Vowel-Consonant (CVC) with short vowels**
3. **Digraphs**
4. **Beginning & Ending Blends**
5. **Silent E**
6. **-R controlled**
7. **Advanced Vowels (including vowel teams & diphthongs)**
8. **Multisyllabic words**

**Look for
DECODABLE
BOOKS**

**that give your Reader
practice with the skills
they're working on!**



Expert Tip!

Did you know that English has about 44 phonemes, or individual sounds, but only 26 letters? Because the same letters and combinations of letters can represent different sounds, learning to read English can sometimes be tricky!

This video, created by the [Rollins Center for Language and Literacy](#), is a great resource for parents and caregivers to hear and review the 44 sounds of English.

