

Year 1 English: How the phonics check works: answers

Year 1 - Phonics Check Practice - Lesson 12.1

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Exercise 12A How the check works

1 How many words are in the phonics check?

Answer: 40

2 The check has 40 words. Answer each part.

(a) How many of the words are real words?

Answer: 20

(b) How many of the words are alien words?

Answer: 20

3 True or false? The phonics check is a spelling test.

Answer: False

4 True or false? Alien words have a meaning that your child must learn first.

Answer: False

5 True or false? A child who does not reach the expected standard in Year 1 takes the check again in Year 2.

Answer: True

6 Which is the best way to help your child get ready? a) Guess the word from its first letter. b) Sound out each letter, then push the sounds together. c) Tell the child each word straight away.

Answer: b

7 Why do children read alien words in the check? Explain.

Answer: To show that they can read the letters by sounding them out, not by guessing what the word means.

8 Which is **not** part of the check? a) Reading real words aloud. b) Reading alien words aloud. c) Spelling a list of words from memory.

Answer: c

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In which month is the phonics check usually taken?

Answer: June

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Sam says the check has 30 words. Is he right? Explain.

Answer: No. The check has 40 words: 20 real words and 20 alien words.