

Phase 2 Phonics Sounds and Words List

In Phase 2 Phonics, children are introduced to their first letter sounds to read and write.

Sounds Learnt in Phase 2
Set 1 - s, a, t, p
Set 2 - i, n, m, d
Set 3 - g, o, c, k
Set 4 - ck, e, u, r
Set 5 - h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

When practising sounds with your child, try and avoid putting an 'uh' on the end of a sound. Instead, focus on helping your child to make the 'pure sound' as this is the way it is heard in a word. For example, 'ssss' instead of 'suh', 't-t-t-t' instead of 'tuh'. It can help to think about 'stretchy' sounds which make a longer sound, such as 'ssss', 'mmmm', 'ffff', and 'bouncy' sounds which make a short sound, such as 't-t-t-t', 'b-b-b-b', 'p-p-p-p'.

Children will also be taught a set of 'tricky' words (words that cannot be read by sounding out and therefore need to be learnt by sight) and 'high frequency words' (words that can be sounded out but are seen very frequently in text). Learning these words by sight will help children to read more fluently. In addition, children are taught words to spell from memory.

Tricky Words to Read	Tricky Words to Spell	High Frequency Words to Read
a, the, I, no, go, to, into	a, the, I, no, go, to, into	dad, mum, big, it, at, on, up, back, if, but, of, his, him, had, in, got, an, as, can, off, not, get, and

Some schools teach phonics according to the government's 'Letters and Sounds' scheme. Others may use alternative schemes to teach phonics skills. All the sounds and words are still taught, but may be in a different order. It's always worth checking with your child's school, and attending any information sessions they may hold about early reading and writing.

