

Instructions

Have your child or student read the sentences on the following pages out loud to you. Each of the pages corresponds to a phonics rule. The rules are presented in sequential order and the title on each page identifies the phonics rule it is testing.

If the child makes more than three mistakes on a page, that phonics rule needs to either be reinforced or taught. You can try a few pages after that to see how the child does. If the child does not know a rule at all, it will be very obvious to you. (I will soon post a video showing a child being assessed so that you can see how obvious it is.)

If your child does not know short vowels, work in [Steps to Reading Short Vowels](#).

If he doesn't know blends, work in [Steps to Reading Blends](#).

If he doesn't know digraphs, work in [Steps to Reading Digraphs](#).

If he doesn't know long vowels, work in [Steps to Reading Long Vowels](#).

This assessment is adapted from an assessment made available by the National Right to Read Foundation.

Short Vowels

The big red hen is mad.

Did Bob get on the bus?

Ben can fix his bad bat.

Hit the fat bug on the bed.

Don let the cat sit on his lap.

Blends and --ck

Step up when I yell, “Lift the flag.”

Bang went the black drum!

Stan got the last duck.

Blot up the mess on the glass top desk.

Help Fred lift the big clock.

Digraphs ch and sh (and -ck)

The rich chimp got the black chip.

They sat on the bench to chat.

I have to pinch his chin, said the duck.

She went with her dad to the dish shop.

She made a wish for a shell.

She will rush and sit by the dish

He will help wash the ship and shop

Digraphs th and wh

He went on the path to chop chips

The thin fish felt a chill with them.

Think and do the math and then have a bath.

That is a thick fish with teeth.

When will you wish for a path?

Which wheel will bend the chest?

Silent e

Steve got a base hit late in the game.

Take the pan of white rice off the stove.

Kate will bake a fine cake and win a dime.

Dave rode his bike in the race.

Mike chose the cage of mice for his prize.

Two-Vowels Go Walking

In a dream Gail met a sheep on the beach.

Take a seat on the boat by the sail.

Wait a week to paint the chain.

His team made roast beef to eat.

The rain on his feet made Dean groan.

Bossy R

Her third bird was born in the barn.

Take more care of your hair.

Four car horns were heard by the clerk.

Wear your shirt in the street or at work.

The sports stars will park their cars by the
church.

--ou/--ow

I found a foul mouse in our room.

If I boil the sour soup it will spoil.

A loud howl was heard on the lawn.

The clown shook the round hoop.

Mack bought his smooth boots in town.

ue/ow

He saw Sue play with the toy bee.

You may buy the two new saws.

Can she ski on the wide blue sea?

The cow and the crow play by the tree.

The blue fly lays its eggs in the dry hay.

mb/gh/ght

It was dumb to leave his glove in the field.

The calf would like some salt this cold night.

A ghost said, "Dare to guess if I am tough."

Phone for some bread and fruit for the child.

Find the part of the sword that is rough to touch.