

Useful websites and games for supporting your child with phonics

There are really two main websites to use, they are:

phonicsplay.co.uk and **letters-and-sounds.com**

They are both free but you have to register with phonicsplay.co.uk in order to use their resources.

There are lots of other websites but they generally contain the same games that are found here.

For almost all of the games you can choose the level (phase) that your child plays at.

Ask your child's teacher to suggest which phase would be most suitable.

Try out these at home:

phonicsplay.co.uk

Select Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

- Phase 1-** Sound spots- good for tuning into environmental sounds
Smoothie- good for hearing and matching initial sounds
Cake bake- good for hearing and matching rhyme
Welcome to the Zoo- good for careful listening
- Phase 2-** Dragons' Den, Picnic on Pluto and Buried Treasure- all good for blending sounds and distinguishing between real and non-words
Make a Match- really good for blending cvc words, also good for developing visual memory
Pick a Picture- good for blending
Tricky word trucks- good for tricky word recognition but can't be done independently, needs adult to decide whether word has been read correctly or not
- Phase 3-** Many of the games are the same as they are for Phase 2 but with phase 3 sounds, there is also;
Space Race/ Rocket Rescue- good for spelling words using phase 3 sounds but requires good mouse control and typing letters on the keyboard and some of the words are hard to hear
Sentence substitution and Sentences phase 3 are more suitable for classroom use.
Train Your Brain-good for teaching tricky words, probably useful to have adult support at least initially
- Phase 4-** All the same games but with Phase 4 level of difficulty. New games include:
Reading Robot- really good for practising the kinds of words that come up in the phonics test, needs adult to decide whether word has been read correctly or not

Interactive story book- sadly only one story but great for blending to read and predicting what will happen next.

Phase 5- No new games for phase 5, just the old favourites with phase 5 sounds to practise.

Phase 6- Tumbling Tumbleweed- good for practising the different rules around adding the suffix **-ing** to a word

Past Tense Penguin- good for practising different regular past forms, can choose between two levels, mistakes are corrected but the corrections don't stay on the screen for long!

Compound Word Splat- good for practising spotting compound words, mistakes are recognised

Planetary Plurals-children have to type correct plural form into computer, mistakes are noted at the end

Pondlife Plurals- similar to Past Tense Penguin but for plural forms

Magical Prefix Matching- good for developing visual memory, good for becoming familiar with some of the less common words taking the '**un**' and '**dis**' prefixes.

letters-and-sounds.com

Select the phase you want and choose 'games'.

Many of the same games are on this website. Extra games include;

Phase 1- Barnyard Matchup Game- good for visual memory, tuning into and recognising animal sounds

Phase 2- Initial Sounds Match Game- good for visual memory, good for hearing and recognising initial sounds

Letters and sounds Phoneme Pop- good for visual recognition of letters, have to use mouse to pop them as they arrive

Phase 3- Poop Deck Pirates- good for blending real and non-words, possible to choose exactly which sounds are practised, children can read at least 40 words before the game is over

Yes/ No silly questions- good for reading short sentences, self-correcting

There are no games for phases 5 and 6.