Synthetic Phonics – Basic Code Reading Screener

Sound to Print Series

Basic Code

CVC words through
to CCVCC words

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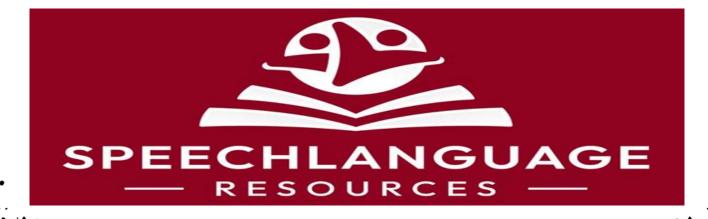- Email this resource to other people via electronic media

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Instructions:

This screener provides a starting point to determine *where to begin* when targeting specific code knowledge for both reading simple words.

Determining where a student has difficulty in reading can provide useful information for teaching staff when making decisions about reading intervention and where to start a student.

For instance, if a student has difficulty decoding **Stage 2** CVC words such as *not, nap, pin*, etc it would indicate that a student will struggle to accurately decode most CVC words and CCVC words and beyond with more complex spellings.

The Focus

Basic Code – starting with CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words with single letter spellings through to CCVCC words which also feature single letter spellings.

Where to start?:

For students who are beginning kindergarten or foundation year it is best to start at stage 1. For older students, in year 1 or year 2 etc, stage 8 may be a good starting place, but if difficulty is encountered with decoding CVCC words in stage 8 it may be best to begin at stage 1 or 2.

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Scoring Booklet

Student Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Date:_____ Year Level: _____

Instructions:

Examiner Script: *'Here are some words I would like you to read. Please read these words starting at this word here...'*

- Point to each word in the different stages as needed.

- Discontinue the test after 5 consecutive errors.

Stage 1

tap	the	mat	sit
sat	Sam	Tim	at
am	Tam	Score:	/10

Stage 2

map	nap	pot	pan
sip	not	Tom	tin
pat	pin	Score: /10	

Stage 3

bag	can	gap	cap
cot	bat	cat	hit
hop	ham	Score: /10	

Stage 4

dad	dig	din	dip
vet	van	fed	met
set	net	Score: /10	

Stage 5

red	bud	bug	run
rug	bad	bag	beg
leg	bit	Score: /10	

Stage 6

jab	jam	jet	Jim
jog	jot	job	jug
wag	wig	Score: /10	

Stage 7

fox	box	Max	yep
yam	bell	yell	pill
mess	fell	Score: /10	

Stage 8

and	ant	elm	best
desk	left	kept	wept
nest	dust	Score:	/10

Stage 9

crab	slam	grab	trap
clip	swim	slip	twin
drop	frog	Score:	/10

Stage 10

drank	plank	spend	swept	drink
swift	grunt	stump	scrap	spent
			Score:	/10

Stage 11

fresh	shop	crash	shelf	shift
brush	thank	theft	inch	lunch
			Score:	/10

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mat   sit   sat   Sam
Tim   at   am   tap

Stage 2

map   nap   pot   pan   sip
not   tin   pat   pin   man

Stage 3

bag   can   gap   cap   cot
bat   cat   hit   hop   ham

Stage 4

dad   dig   din   dip   vet
van   fed   met   set   net

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Stage 5

red bud bug run rug
bad bag beg leg bit

Stage 6

jab jam jet Jim jog
jot job jug wag wig

Stage 7

fox box Max yep yam
bell yell pill mess fell

Stage 8

and ant elm best desk
left kept wept nest dust

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Stage 9

crab slam grab trap clip
swim slip twin drop frog

Stage 10

drank plank spend swept
drink swift grunt stump
scrap spent

Stage 11

fresh shop crash shelf
shift brush thank
theft inch lunch