Sounds English Diagnostic

Does your child or student need Sounds English? Run through this checklist to find out.

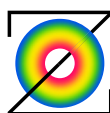**Here's how to use the diagnostic:**

- Read a word from the **red list** and ask the learner to say (read aloud) the partner word from the **blue list**. For example, say: 'If this word is '**line**', what is this word? [Indicating the word '**lane**']
- Check (tick) the words that are read correctly, in the column provided.
- **Don't read the first column to the learner;** this is for your information only. It tells you which written sound is being tested.

Improving readers can use these 'written sounds' (grapho-phonemes) to work out words they don't know 'at a glance'. **Sounds English** puts 92 commonly occurring 'written sounds' into the reading tool box of early readers. Their reading will improve rapidly when they can use all 92 'written sounds'. Cleverly, **Sounds English** works out, without any testing, which 'written sounds' learners don't know and it teaches those sounds only. In other words, no time is wasted teaching things learners already know.

An able reader should be able to manage all 92 'written sounds'. If the learner is not able to read the blue word after being read the red word then **Sounds English** will be of help.
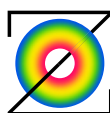
Sound being checked	Say: 'If this word is _ _ _ ' [say word below]	'What is this word?' [indicate word below; student says it.]	√
1 'a' in lane	line	lane	
2 'a' in bat	bit	bat	
3 'ai' in paid	pod	paid	
4 'ar' in farm	firm	farm	
5 'au' in haul	hill	haul	
6 'aw' in lawn	lean	lawn	
7 'ay' in day	do	day	
8 'b' in bed	bid	bed	
9 'bl' in room	rim	room	
10 'br' in bread	brood	bread	
11 'c' in cave	cove	cave	
12 'ch' in chip	chop	chip	
13 'ck' in truck	trick	truck	
14 'cl' in clip	clop	clip	
15 'cr' in crab	crib	crab	
16 'd' in duck	deck	duck	
17 'dge' ledge	lodge	ledge	
18 'dr' in dress	less	dress	
19 'e' in peg	pig	peg	
20 'ea' in bean	bin	bean	

Sound being checked	Say: 'If this word is _ _ _' [say word below]	'What is this word?' [indicate word below; student says it.]	√
21 'ea' in head	had	head	
22 'ear' in tear	tie	tear (crying)	
23 'ear' in pearl	pill	pearl	
24 'ee' in feet	fit	feet	
25 'ew' in crew	crow	crew	
26 'f' in fan	fin	fan	
27 'fl' in flag	rag	flag	
28 'fr' in frog	log	frog	
29 'g' in gate	late	gate	
30 'g' in page	pane	page	
31 'gl' in glass	class	glass	
32 'gr' in grub	hub	grub	
33 'h' in house	mouse	house	
34 'i' in bin	bun	bin	
35 'i' in line	lone	line	
36 'igh' in tight	tot	tight	
37 'ir' in bird	bad	bird	
38 'j' in jug	jig	jug	
39 'k' in king	ring	king	
40 'kn' in knit	fit	knit	
41 'l' in lamp	damp	lamp	
42 'm' in man	fan	man	
43 'n' in nose	hose	nose	
44 'nd' in hand	has	hand	
45 'ng' in ring	rip	ring	
46 'nk' in plank	plate	plank	
47 'nt' in mint	mist	mint	
48 'o' in lone	line	lone	
49 'o' in dog	dig	dog	
50 'oa' in soap	sip	soap	
51 'oi' in soil	sail	soil	
52 'oo' in book	bark	book	
53 'oo' in moon	moan	moon	
54 'or in corn	can	corn	
55 'ou' in sprout	sprat	sprout	
56 'ow' town	tin	town	
57 'ow' in blow	blue	blow	

Cont.

Sound being checked	Say: 'If this word is _ _ _' [say word below]	'What is this word?' [indicate word below; student says it.]	√
58 'oy' in boy	bat	boy	
59 'p' in pin	pan	pin	
60 'ph' in phone	bone	phone	
61 'pl' in plant	rant	plant	
62 'pr in prawn	lawn	prawn	
63 'qu' in queen	been	queen	
64 'r' in rat	hat	rat	
65 's' in rose	rove	rose	
66 's' in sack	black	sack	
67 'sc' in scoop	loop	scoop	
68 'scr' in scream	dream	scream	
69 'sh' in shed	bed	shed	
70 'sk' in desk	den	desk	
71 'sl' in slide	hide	slide	
72 'sm' in smoke	joke	smoke	
73 'sn' in snap	trap	snap	
74 'sp' in spade	made	spade	
75 'spr' in spring	thing	spring	
76 'squ' in squid	lid	squid	
77 'st' in stick	trick	stick	
78 'str' in street	meet	street	
79 'sw' in swim	him	swim	
80 't' in time	lime	time	
81 'thr' in throat	boat	throat	
82 'tr' in trip	hip	trip	
83 'tw' in twin	grin	twin	
84 'u' in flute	float	flute	
85 'u' in nut	net	nut	
86 'v' in van	fan	van	
87 'w' in wing	cling	wing	
88 'wh' in whip	drip	whip	
89 'x' in box	bog	box	
90 'y' in easy	ease	easy	
91 'y' in yet	bet	yet	
92 'z' in zap	lap	zap	