

Alphacheck

Directions for Administering

Place the large print student sheets and word lists in front of the student. Use the Alphacheck recording form to record student responses. Create an encouraging and positive tone throughout the testing but do not prompt students' responses.

Begin with the single letters 's' through to 'q', asking students to identify the name of each letter. Tick (✓) or cross (x) each box to record responses.

Present each single letter again, along with the double consonants and consonant digraphs asking students to now identify the sounds (phonemes). Tick (✓) or cross (x) each box to record responses. Do not ask the sound for 'q'.

Continue testing with each list of words. Tick (✓) words which have been pronounced correctly. If an attempt is incorrect, record the student's response; for example if the student reads "hick" for hitch. Discontinue testing when the student makes four consecutive errors in a list. Have the student sample words in each category, unless it is evident that they reached their level of difficulty or expected knowledge. Indicate where you have stopped testing in each word list.

Alphacheck Recording Form

Student name _____ Age _____ Year Level _____ Date _____

Letter(s)	s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	g	o	c	k	e	u	r	h	b	f
Name																		
Sound																		

Letter(s)	l	j	v	w	x	y	z	q	ff	ll	ss	zz	ck	ch	sh	th	wh	ph
Name																		
Sound																		

up	best	chin	Pete	stain	care	sundress	was	nef
yes	grin	rash	size	fly	sir	picnic	castle	stup
jet	flag	thick	late	tied	surf	umbrella	their	lith
ran	hump	graph	cube	way	paw	quicksand	should	pabe
cut	trip	hitch	bone	toe	few	backpack	gnome	learn
kid	spell	shut	mule	seal	hair	endless	wring	garl
bed	blink	bath	home	bowl	term	lunchbox	said	ched
map	swim	whip	tide	green	born	blastoff	know	quird
dig	melt	inch	age	soap	pear	uphill	nature	zumgiv
fox	tent	then	eve	aid	art	chopstick	lamb	nixwok
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
VC CVC	Consonant blends	Consonant digraphs/ trigraph	Long vowels: silent e	Long vowel graphemes	Vowel/ consonant graphemes	Two-syllable short vowels	Irregular vowel and consonant spellings	Non-word examples

Alphacheck Student sheet

↓	s	m	e	l	z	ck
	a	d	u	j	q	ch
	t	g	r	v	ff	sh
	p	o	h	w	ll	th
	i	c	b	x	ss	wh
	n	k	f	y	zz	ph

Alphacheck Word lists

up

yes

jet

ran

cut

kid

bed

map

dig

fox

best

grin

flag

hump

trip

spell

blink

swim

melt

tent

chin

rash

thick

graph

hitch

shut

bath

whip

inch

then

Pete

size

late

cube

bone

mule

home

tide

age

eve

stain

fly

tied

way

toe

seal

bowl

green

soap

aid

care

sir

surf

paw

few

hair

term

born

pear

art

sundress

picnic

umbrella

quicksand

backpack

endless

lunchbox

blastoff

uphill

chopstick

was

castle

their

should

gnome

wring

said

know

nature

lamb

nef

stup

lith

pabe

learn

garl

ched

quird

zumgiv

nixwok