

# An Introduction to Twinkl Phonics

for Parents and Carers



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# What Is Taught and When?

Twinkl Phonics Level	Number of Teaching Weeks	Recommended Year Group (UK schools)	Age of Children
Level 1	36	Nursery/Preschool	3-4 years
Level 2	7	Reception	4-5 years
Level 3	12	Reception	4-5 years
Level 4	5	Reception	4-5 years
Level 5	30	Year 1	5-6 years
Level 6	30	Year 2	6-7 years

Level 1 continues to be taught alongside the other levels.

This is just an overview. We understand that every child progresses at their own pace.

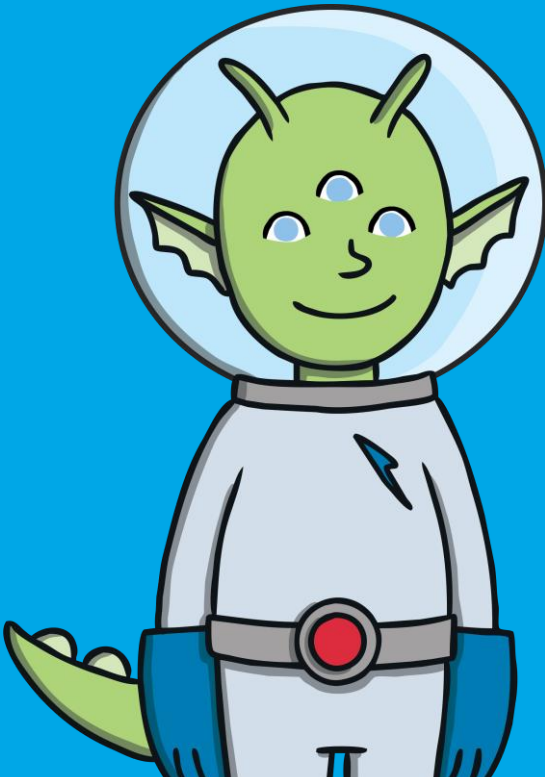
# Level 5





Level 5 is taught in Year 1.

**By the end of Level 5, children will have had the opportunities to:**

- give the phoneme, when shown any grapheme that has been taught;
- for any given phoneme, write the common graphemes;
- apply phonics knowledge and skills as the primary approach to reading and spelling unfamiliar words that are not completely decodable;
- read and spell phonically decodable two-syllable and three-syllable words such as 'dolphin' and 'parachute';
- read automatically all taught tricky and common exception words;
- accurately spell all the Level 2, 3 and 4 tricky words and most of the common exception words for reading;
- form each letter correctly;
- use alternative ways of pronouncing and representing the long vowel phonemes.



# Level 5 Mnemonics

<b>ay</b>  <b>pray</b>	<b>oy</b>  <b>boy</b>	<b>ie</b>  <b>tie</b>	<b>ea</b>  <b>leaf</b>	<b>a_e</b>  <b>cake</b>	<b>i_e</b>  <b>slide</b>	<b>o_e</b>  <b>bone</b>	<b>u_e</b>  <b>cube</b>
<b>u_e</b>  <b>flute</b>	<b>e_e</b>  <b>trapeze</b>	<b>ou</b>  <b>mouth</b>	<b>a</b>  <b>acorn</b>	<b>e</b>  <b>equal</b>	<b>i</b>  <b>lion</b>	<b>o</b>  <b>hotel</b>	<b>u</b>  <b>unicorn</b>
<b>ch</b>  <b>chef</b>	<b>ch</b>  <b>Christmas</b>	<b>ir</b>  <b>girl</b>	<b>ue</b>  <b>statue</b>	<b>ue</b>  <b>glue</b>	<b>y</b>  <b>sunny</b>	<b>aw</b>  <b>saw</b>	<b>au</b>  <b>autumn</b>
<b>ow</b>  <b>window</b>	<b>oe</b>  <b>toe</b>	<b>wh</b>  <b>wheel</b>	<b>c</b>  <b>city</b>	<b>g</b>  <b>gem</b>	<b>ph</b>  <b>dolphin</b>	<b>ea</b>  <b>bread</b>	<b>ie</b>  <b>shield</b>
<b>tch</b>  <b>witch</b>	<b>are</b>  <b>bare</b>	<b>ear</b>  <b>pear</b>	<b>ore</b>  <b>core</b>	<b>ew</b>  <b>screw</b>	<b>ew</b>  <b>stew</b>		

The new sound is displayed within a word linked to the mnemonic for Level 5.



# Level 5 Overview

Teaching Week	GPCs	Common Exception Words for Reading	Common Exception Words for Spelling	Teaching Week	GPCs	Common Exception Words for Reading	Common Exception Words for Spelling
1	'ay' saying /ai/	could should	said so	16	'ow'/'oe' saying /oa/	once, please	thought through
2	'oy' saying /oi/	would want	have like	17	'wh' saying /w/	live, coming	work house
3	'ie' saying /igh/	oh their	some come	18	'c' saying /s/ 'g' saying /j/	Monday, Tuesday	many laughed
4	'ea' saying /ee/	Mr Mrs	were there	19	'ph' saying /f/	Wednesday, brother	because different
5	'a_e' saying /ai/	love your	little one	20	'ea' saying /e/	more, before	any eye
6	'l_e' saying /igh/ 'o_e' saying /oa/	people looked	do when	21	'ie' saying /ee/	January, February	friend also
7	'u_e' saying (y) /oo/ and /oo/ 'e_e' saying /ee/	called asked	what could	22	adding -ed (root word unchanged)	April, July	once please
8	'ou' saying /ow/	water where	should would	23	adding -s and -es	scissors, castle	live coming
9	Long Vowel Sounds	who why	want their	24	adding -er and est (adj)	beautiful, treasure	Monday Tuesday
10	'ch' saying /c/ 'ch' saying /sh/	thought through	Mr Mrs	25	'tch' saying /ch/	door, floor	Wednesday brother
11	'ir' saying /ur/	work house	love your	26	adding -ing and -er (verbs)	bought, favourite	more before
12	'ue' saying (y) /oo/ and /oo/	many laughed	people looked	27	'are'/'ear' saying /air/	autumn, gone	January February
13	'ew' saying (y) /oo/ and /oo/	because different	asked called	28	've' saying /v/	know, colour	April July
14	'y' saying /ee/	any eye	water where	29	'ore' saying /or/	other, does	scissors castle
15	'aw'/'au' saying /or/	friend also	who why	30	adding un-	talk, two	beautiful treasure



# Level 6



Level 6 is taught in Year 2.

**By the end of Level 6, children will have had the opportunities to:**

At this stage, children can read hundreds of words automatically. They are now reading for pleasure and reading to learn rather than learning to read.



- read accurately most words of two or more syllables;
- read most words containing common suffixes;
- read most common exception words;
- read most words accurately, in age-appropriate books, without overt sounding and blending, fluent enough to allow them to focus on their understanding rather than on decoding individual words;
- sound out most unfamiliar words accurately, without undue hesitation;
- segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonetically plausible attempts at others;
- spell most common exception words correctly.



# Level 6 Overview



Teaching Week	Spelling Pattern	Common Exception Words for Spelling	Grammar Focus	Teaching Week	Spelling Pattern	Common Exception Words for Spelling	Grammar Focus
1	'y' saying /igh/	door, floor	Capital Letters and Full Stops	16	'mb' saying /m/	famous, shoe	Using a Dictionary 1 - Finding Definitions
2	'dge' saying /j/ 'ge' saying /j/	bought, favourite	Proper Nouns (Names)	17	'al' saying /or/	pretty, neighbour	Coordinating Conjunctions
3	-es to words ending in y	autumn gone	Plural nouns	18	-ing, -ed to CVC, CCVC words	England, tongue	Irregular Past Tense
4	'gn' saying /n/	know colour	Alphabetical Order (1) - First/Second Letter	19	'o' saying /u/	group, country	Exciting Words (1) - alt words for said
5	'kn' saying /n/	other does	Alphabetical Order (2) - Second/ Subsequent Letters	20	'ey' saying /ee/	heart, dangerous	Exclamation Marks (to show emotion/shouting)
6	-ed, -ing to words ending in y	talk two	Verbs	21	-er, -est, -y to CVC, CVCC words	special, enough	Improving Sentences (1) Adjectives and Nouns
7	'wr' saying /r/	four, eight	Adverbs	22	contractions	aunt, father	Contractions
8	-le	world work	Common Nouns (Revision)	23	'war' saying /wor/ 'wor' saying /wur/	prove, improve	Subordinating Conjunctions
9	-er, -est to words ending in y	poor, great	Adjectives and Expanded Noun Phrases	24	suffixes -ment, -ness	hour, move	Improving Sentences (2) - Verbs and adverbs
10	-el	break, steak	Commas in Lists	25	's' saying /zh/	sure, sugar	Exciting Words (2) Using a Thesaurus
11	-al, -il	busy, clothes	Capital letters for place names	26	'wa' saying /wo/ 'qua' saying /quo/	half, quarter	Possessive Apostrophe
12	-ed, -er to words ending in e	whole, listen	Regular Past Tense	27	tion	straight, touch	Improving Sentences (2) - when, if, because
13	'eer' saying /ear/	build, earth	Regular Present Tense	28	suffixes -ful, -less, -ly	caught, daughter	Speech Marks
14	ture	delicious, fruit	Question Marks and Commands	29	homophones/near homophones	journey, area	Commas in Speech
15	-est, -y to words ending in e	learn, search	Exclamations and Statements	30	prefix dis-	heard, early	Using a Dictionary 2 - Checking Spellings

# Level 6 Mnemonics

<p>y</p>  <p>fly</p>	<p>dge</p>  <p>bridge</p>	<p>ge</p>  <p>fringe</p>	<p>gn</p>  <p>gnome</p>	<p>kn</p>  <p>knife</p>
<p>wr</p>  <p>wrist</p>	<p>le</p>  <p>table</p>	<p>eer</p>  <p>deer</p>	<p>ture</p>  <p>picture</p>	<p>mb</p>  <p>thumb</p>
<p>al</p>  <p>walk</p>	<p>a</p>  <p>walnut</p>	<p>o</p>  <p>glove</p>	<p>ey</p>  <p>monkey</p>	<p>war</p>  <p>warm</p>
<p>wor</p>  <p>world</p>	<p>s</p>  <p>treasure</p>	<p>wa</p>  <p>watch</p>	<p>qua</p>  <p>squash</p>	<p>tion</p>  <p>station</p>





# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

In June, all year 1 children are expected to complete the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

The aim is to check that a child is making progress in phonics. They are expected to read a mixture of real words and 'nonsense' words. (Nonsense words can also be referred to as 'pseudo' or 'alien' words)

For more information why not take a look at the [Twinkl Phonics Year 1 Screening Check Guide for Parents](#)

If a child has not reached the expected standard, schools must give additional support to help the child to make progress in year 2.

Children who have not passed the check in year 1 will have the opportunity to retake it in year 2.



Twinkl Phonics Level	Rhino Readers Level	Sounds	Common Exception Words	Twinkl Phonics Lesson Presentations	Twinkl Phonics Minibooks	Twinkl Phonics Pupil Workbooks	Rhino Readers Further Practice Books
Level 5	5a	'ay' saying /ai/ 'oy' saying /oi/ 'ie' saying /igh/ 'ea' saying /ee/ 'a_e' saying /ai/ 'Le' saying /igh/ 'o_e' saying /oa/ 'u_e' saying /oo/ and /yoo/ 'e_e' saying /ee/ 'ou' saying /ow/ Long Vowel Sounds 'ch' saying /c/ 'ch' saying /sh/	could, should, would, want, oh, their, Mr, Mrs, love, your, people, looked, called, asked, water, where, who, why, thought, through	 Level 5 Weeks 1-10 Lesson Presentations	 Two focus sound minibooks per week	 Level 5 Weeks 1-10 Workbooks	 <a href="#">Click here for full 5a collection.</a>
	5b	'ir' saying /ur/ 'ue' saying /yoo/ and /oo/ 'ew' saying /yoo/ and /oo/ 'y' saying /ee/ 'aw'/'au' saying /or/ 'ow'/'oe' saying /oa/ 'wh' saying /w/ 'c' saying /s/ 'g' saying /j/ 'ph' saying /f/ 'ea' saying /e/	work, house, many, laughed, because, different, any, eye, friend, also, once, please, live, coming, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, brother, more, before	 Level 5 Weeks 11-20 Lesson Presentations	 Two focus sound minibooks per week	 Level 5 Weeks 11-20 Workbooks	 <a href="#">Click here for full 5b collection.</a>
	5c	'ie' saying /ee/ 'ch' saying /ch/ 'are'/'ear' saying /air/ 'ore' saying /or/	January, February, April, July, scissors, castle, beautiful, treasure, door, floor, bought, favourite, autumn, gone, know, colour, other, does, talk, two	 Level 5 Week 21-30 Lesson Presentations	 Two focus sound minibooks per week	 Level 5 Weeks 21-30 Workbooks	 <a href="#">Click here for full 5c collection.</a>

# Rhino Readers Progression Checklist

Use this sheet to check which Level 5 GPCs and common exception words the child knows and to help you decide which level of Rhino Readers book is appropriate for them.

## Ready for Level 5a First Steps Rhino Readers?

Level 5a First Steps books can be accessed after **Week 4 of Level 5 Twinkl Phonics**, when children will have been taught these GPCs and common exception words:

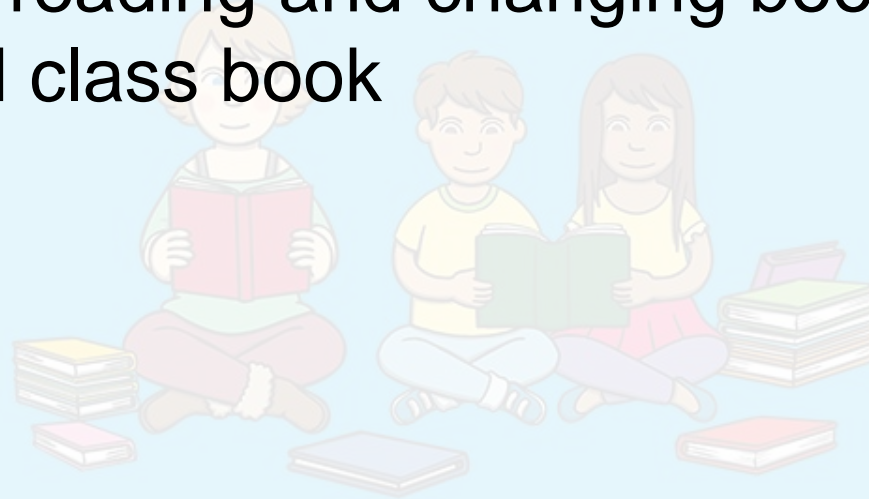
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		(saying /igh/)	(saying /ee/)

could	should	would	want	oh	their
Mr	Mrs				

If all are known, the child is ready to read any Level 5a First Steps book.

# Reading Strategy at Stretham

- Whole class guided reading
- Listening to children read 1:1
- Phonics lessons
- Interventions
- Parent reading and changing books
- Shared class book









































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# Classroom Resources

## Level 5 Sounds

<b>ay</b>  pray	<b>oy</b>  boy	<b>ie</b>  tie	<b>ea</b>  leaf	<b>a_e</b>  cake	<b>i_e</b>  slide	<b>o_e</b>  bone	<b>u_e</b>  cube	<b>u_e</b>  flute	<b>e_e</b>  trapeze	<b>ou</b>  mouth	<b>a</b>  acorn	<b>e</b>  equal
<b>i</b>  lion	<b>o</b>  hotel	<b>u</b>  unicorn	<b>ch</b>  chef	<b>ch</b>  Christmas	<b>ir</b>  girl	<b>ue</b>  statue	<b>ue</b>  glue	<b>ew</b>  screw	<b>ew</b>  stew	<b>y</b>  sunny	<b>aw</b>  saw	<b>au</b>  autumn
<b>ow</b>  window	<b>oe</b>  toe	<b>wh</b>  wheel	<b>c</b>  city	<b>g</b>  gem	<b>ph</b>  dolphin	<b>ea</b>  bread	<b>ie</b>  shield	<b>tch</b>  witch	<b>are</b>  bare	<b>ear</b>  pear	<b>ore</b>  core	

## Level 5 Common Exception Words

could	should	would	want	oh	their	Mr	Mrs	love	your
people	looked	called	asked	water	where	who	why	thought	through
work	house	many	laughed	because	different	any	eye	friend	also
once	please	live	coming	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	brother	more	before
January	February	April	July	scissors	castle	beautiful	treasure	door	floor
bought	favourite	autumn	gone	know	colour	other	does	talk	two



# How You Can Help Your Child at Home

Work on listening skills, taking turns and encouraging your child to look at you when you are speaking.

Practise segmenting and blending words.

Look for familiar sounds and words in the world around you. Such as, when in the supermarket, can your child find words on your shopping list or recognise letters on food packaging?

When outside, can they recognise letters on street names or on car number plates?

When in the house, can they recognise letters or words in magazines or letters you receive?



# Any Questions?





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