Phonics: the 'b' sound

Phase 2 · Reception to Year 1

Name: _____

Read each word aloud, sounding it out. The made-up words are the real test — they cannot be guessed from memory, only sounded out.

REAL WORDS

bat	**bed**	**big**	**bus**	**bin**

MADE-UP WORDS

bod	**bim**	**drab**	**bleb**	**bob**	**zeb**
beft	**band**	**bad**	**bil**	**bep**	**bont**

These are not real words. A child who has memorised word shapes cannot guess them — they can only be sounded out. Half the words in the Year 1 phonics screening check are made up, for exactly this reason.

WRITE IT

Write 'b' five times. Then write three real words that use it.