Phonics: the 'd' 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

dog	dad	did	dip	mud

MADE-UP WORDS

dap	dob	spid	sped	din	ked
demp	dun	drid	pud	drad	swod

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