Phonics: the 'm' 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

mum	**map**	**mat**	**men**	**him**

MADE-UP WORDS

mip	**mub**	**mam**	**mel**	**musp**	**mav**
drom	**flem**	**hem**	**kem**	**muf**	**slum**

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