Phonics: the 's' 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

sat	**sit**	**sun**	**sad**	**sip**

MADE-UP WORDS

sut	**sim**	**glos**	**glas**	**sick**	**suf**
snos	**sast**	**selp**	**sill**	**sulp**	**salt**

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