Phonics: the 'ss' 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

hiss	**mess**	**pass**	**less**	**kiss**

MADE-UP WORDS

fuss	**nass**	**ssid**	**ssalp**	**ssim**	**sseck**
ssam	**ssill**	**ssell**	**pess**	**tass**	**duss**

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