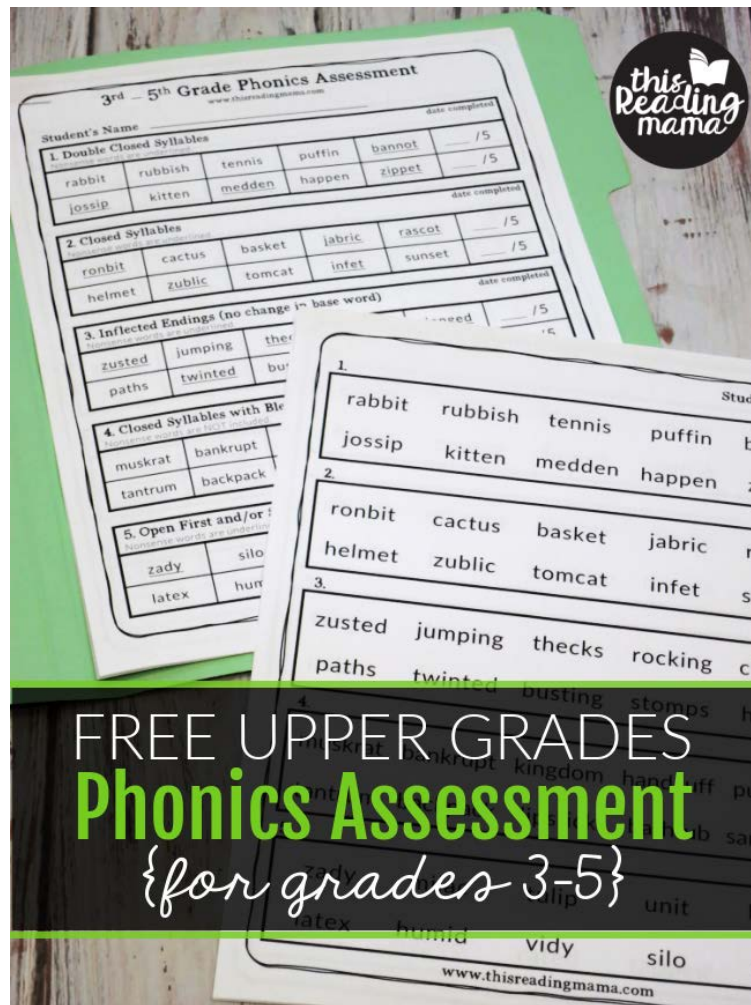


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# UPPER GRADES

## Phonics Assessment

### {for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades}

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Discover the phonics skills your upper grade learners need to work on with this phonics assessment. Specific instructions for each section/task are on page three (3) of this download.

### Please Note:

- This phonics assessment is to be administered **one learner at a time**.
- It works best if you wait at least *four weeks* in between assessing the student using the same word list. This keeps the assessment fresh and more accurate.
- This assessment is **only a snap-shot** of your learners' abilities. You will want to observe learners as they read and write to get a better picture of what they understand or do not yet understand.

# Administration INSTRUCTIONS

**Prompt(s) for Tasks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 13:** “Read each word in the box. Some words in this section are not real words. We call them ‘silly’ or ‘nonsense’ words. Do not try to make them sound like real words.”

**Note:** If you’re using the underlined student pages from pp. 16-19, say, “Some words in this section are not real words. They are underlined so you’ll know which ones they are. Do not try to make them sound like real words.”

**Prompt for Tasks 4, 6, 10, 12, 15:** “Read each word in the box. All the words are real words. There are no nonsense or silly words included in this section.”

**Prompt for Task 14:** “Read each word in the box. All the words in this section are real words. Once you read a word, tell me which syllable has the schwa sound.”

**Student Pages:** Encourage learners to use a cover sheet to reveal only the line of words that the student needs to read, as seen below.

If a learner misreads only one word within a phonics skill, write the date he/she has completed it.

If a learner misses **TWO OR MORE** words within a phonics skill, this is an indication that you need to teach or review this phonics skill.



**TEACHER PAGES**  
**WITHOUT markings**  
**& syllable divisions**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Phonics Assessment

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Double Closed Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

rabbit	rubbish	tennis	puffin	<u>bannot</u>	___ /5
<u>jossip</u>	kitten	<u>medden</u>	happen	<u>zippet</u>	___ /5

## 2. Closed Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

<u>ronbit</u>	cactus	basket	<u>jabric</u>	<u>rascot</u>	___ /5
helmet	<u>zublic</u>	tomcat	<u>infet</u>	sunset	___ /5

## 3. Inflected Endings (no change in base word)

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

<u>zusted</u>	jumping	<u>thecks</u>	rocking	<u>clonged</u>	___ /5
paths	<u>twinted</u>	busting	stomps	hunted	___ /5

## 4. Closed Syllables with Blends/Digraphs

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included.

muskrat	bankrupt	kingdom	handcuff	pumpkin	___ /5
tantrum	backpack	lipstick	bathtub	sandwich	___ /5

## 5. Open First and/or Second Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

<u>zady</u>	silo	tulip	unit	<u>milac</u>	___ /5
latex	humid	<u>vidy</u>	<u>huhu</u>	veto	___ /5

**6. Open or Closed First Syllables (V/CV or VC/V)**

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included.

cabin	raven	lemon	robin	tunic	___ /5
focus	comet	bonus	planet	topaz	___ /5

**7. CVCe Syllables (2<sup>nd</sup> Syllable)**

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

<u>depete</u>	microbe	devote	<u>rignite</u>	cupcake	___ /5
<u>zonate</u>	female	combine	<u>dunote</u>	explode	___ /5

**8. R-Controlled Syllables**

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

target	<u>zorzer</u>	spider	<u>lurder</u>	winter	___ /5
<u>miber</u>	burger	<u>chunder</u>	silver	perfect	___ /5

**9. Open & Closed Prefixes**

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

restock	<u>infall</u>	unsafe	<u>refish</u>	distrust	___ /5
<u>instart</u>	mistake	<u>exmind</u>	prebake	unpack	___ /5

**10. Common Suffixes (doubling, drop e, y → i)**

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included. Some vowel sounds are marked.

tāping	tried	mōped	dīving	hōpping	___ /5
ladies	hōped	rāted	tāpped	cities	___ /5

### 11. Vowel Team Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words ARE underlined.

raccoon	<u>pietoe</u>	decrease	maintain	<u>moilet</u>	___ /5
<u>lubway</u>	charcoal	cowboy	<u>sifteen</u>	jigsaw	___ /5

### 12. V/V Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included.

neon	giant	boa	duet	trial	___ /5
react	Zion	triumph	poet	create	___ /5

### 13. Final Stable Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words ARE underlined.

beetle	<u>urple</u>	beagle	marble	<u>fapple</u>	___ /5
<u>zaffle</u>	handle	<u>lorgle</u>	noodle	bramble	___ /5

### 14. Schwa

date completed

Which syllable contains the schwa sound? Schwa syllables are underlined.

wag <u>o</u> n	ap <u>pe</u> ar	oct <u>o</u> pus	cam <u>e</u> l	am <u>o</u> unt	___ /5
o <u>ff</u> end	pen <u>c</u> il	bal <u>l</u> oon	en <u>e</u> my	u <u>p</u> on	___ /5

### 15. Words with Prefixes & Suffixes

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included.

unoriginal	convertible	precancerous	invaluable	importance	___ /5
restoration	unsupportive	insignificance	refreshment	irreplaceable	___ /5

# TEACHER PAGES WITH markings & syllable divisions

## Marking Key:

/ = syllable divide

ă = vowels with a scoop (breve) over them are short

ā = vowels with a line (macron) over them are long



# 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Phonics Assessment

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Double Closed Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions are marked.

rab/bit	rub/bish	ten/nis	puf/fin	<u>ban/not</u>	___ /5
<u>jos/sip</u>	kit/ten	<u>med/den</u>	hap/pen	<u>zip/pet</u>	___ /5

## 2. Closed Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions are marked.

<u>ron/bit</u>	cac/tus	bas/ket	<u>jab/ric</u>	<u>ras/cot</u>	___ /5
hel/met	<u>zub/lic</u>	tom/cat	<u>in/fet</u>	sun/set	___ /5

## 3. Inflected Endings (no change in base word)

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined.

<u>zusted</u>	jumping	<u>thecks</u>	rocking	<u>clonged</u>	___ /5
paths	<u>twinted</u>	busting	stomps	hunted	___ /5

## 4. Closed Syllables with Blends/Digraphs

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included. Syllable divisions are marked.

musk/rat	bank/rupt	king/dom	hand/cuff	pump/kin	___ /5
tan/trum	back/pack	lip/stick	bath/tub	sand/wich	___ /5

## 5. Open First and/or Second Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions and vowels are marked.

<u>zā/dy</u>	sī/lō	tū/lĭp	ū/nĭt	<u>mī/lăc</u>	___ /5
lā/tĕx	hū/mĭd	<u>vī/dy</u>	<u>hū/hū</u>	vĕ/tō	___ /5

### 6. Open or Closed First Syllables (V/CV or VC/V)

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included. Syllable divisions are marked in each word.

căb/in	rā/ven	lēm/on	rōb/in	tū/nic	___ /5
fō/cus	cōm/et	bō/nus	plăn/et	tō/paz	___ /5

### 7. CVCe Syllables (2<sup>nd</sup> Syllable)

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions and vowels are marked.

dē/pēte	mī/crōbe	dē/vōte	rīg/nīte	cŭp/cāke	___ /5
<u>zō</u> /nāte	fē/māle	cōm/bīne	<u>dū</u> /nōte	ěx/plōde	___ /5

### 8. R-Controlled Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions and some vowels are marked.

tar/get	<u>zor</u> /zer	spī/der	<u>lur</u> /der	wĭn/ter	___ /5
<u>mī</u> /ber	bur/ger	<u>chŭn</u> /der	sĭl/ver	per/fect	___ /5

### 9. Open & Closed Prefixes

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions are marked.

re/stock	<u>in</u> /fall	un/safe	<u>re</u> /fish	dis/trust	___ /5
<u>in</u> /start	mis/take	<u>ex</u> /mind	pre/bake	un/pack	___ /5

### 10. Common Suffixes (doubling, drop e, y → i)

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included. Some syllable divisions & vowel sounds are marked.

tā/ping	tried	mōped	dī/ving	hōp/ping	___ /5
ladies	hōped	rā/ted	tăpped	cities	___ /5

### 11. Vowel Team Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions are marked.

rac/coon	<u>pie</u> /toe	de/crease	main/tain	<u>moi</u> /let	___ /5
<u>lub</u> /way	char/coal	cow/boy	<u>sif</u> /teen	jig/saw	___ /5

### 12. V/V Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are NOT included. Syllable divisions and some vowel sounds are marked.

nē/on	gī/ant	bō/a	dū/et	trī/al	___ /5
rē/act	Zī/on	trī/umph	pō/et	crē/ate	___ /5

### 13. Final Stable Syllables

date completed

Nonsense words are underlined. Syllable divisions are marked.

bee/tle	<u>zur</u> /ple	bea/gle	mar/ble	<u>fap</u> /ple	___ /5
<u>zaf</u> /fle	han/dle	<u>lor</u> /gle	noo/dle	bram/ble	___ /5

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<u>o</u> ffend	p <u>e</u> ncil	bal <u>l</u> oon	en <u>e</u> my	<u>u</u> pon	___ /5

### 15. Words with Prefixes & Suffixes

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Nonsense words are NOT included.

unoriginal	convertible	precancerous	invaluable	importance	___ /5
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**STUDENT PAGES**  
**WITHOUT nonsense**  
**words underlined**

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rabbit    rubbish    tennis    puffin    bannot  
jossip    kitten    medden    happen    zippet

2.

ronbit    cactus    basket    jabric    rascot  
helmet    zublic    tomcat    infet    sunset

3.

zusted    jumping    thecks    rocking    clonged  
paths    twinted    busting    stomps    hunted

4.

muskrat    bankrupt    kingdom    handcuff    pumpkin  
tantrum    backpack    lipstick    bathtub    sandwich

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zady    milac    tulip    unit    huhu  
latex    humid    vidy    silo    veto

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ladies	hoped	rated	tapped	cities

11.

raccoon    pietoe    decrease    maintain    moilet  
lubway    charcoal    cowboy    sifteen    jigsaw

12.

neon    giant    boa    duet    trial  
react    Zion    triumph    poet    create

13.

beetle    vurple    beagle    marble    fapple  
zaffle    handle    lorgle    noodle    bramble

14.

wagon    appear    octopus    camel    amount  
offend    pencil    balloon    enemy    upon

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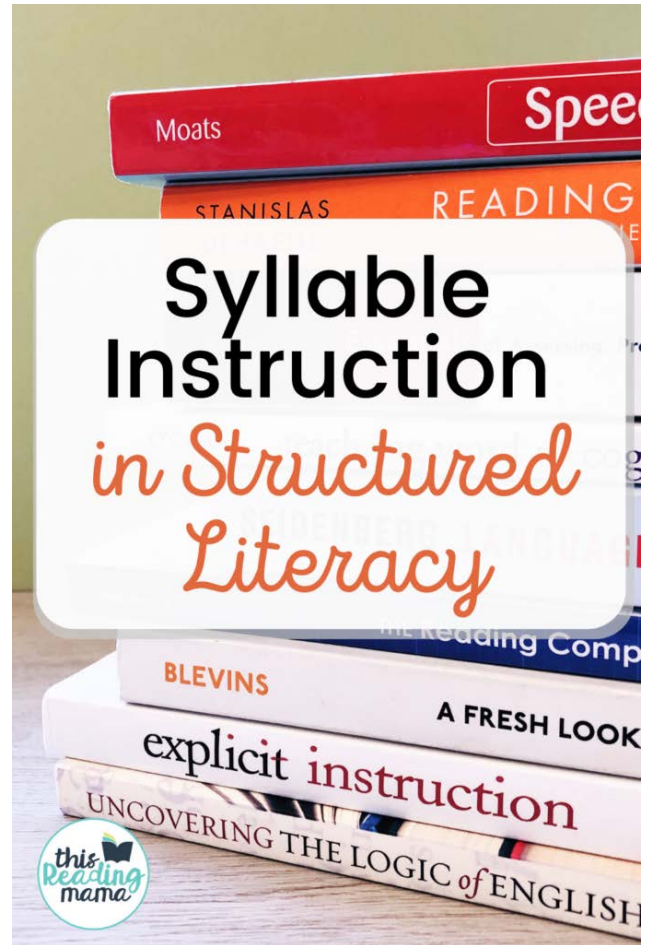
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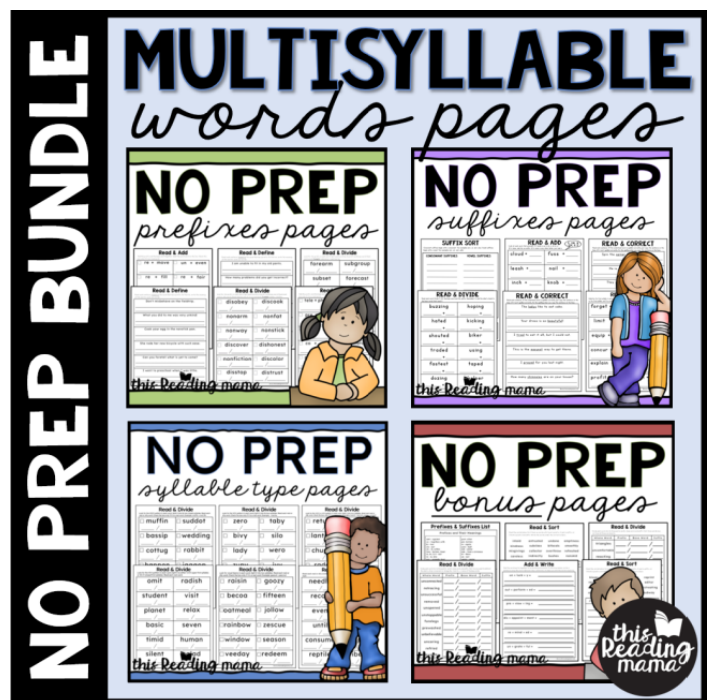
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