

Before beginning Phonics Launch lessons, administer the Phonics Survey to individual students. The data you collect will help you determine a starting place in the lesson sequence and provide information to guide you in supporting individual students during instruction. The Phonics Survey is broken down into four parts. First, you will determine letter and sound knowledge. If the student can name 40 or more letters out of 52, then you can move on to administer the CVC Inventories, which assess decoding and encoding skills. From there, the Scoring Matrix 1: CVC Words will help you determine a starting place in the lesson sequence or whether you need to move on to the additional inventories as needed according to the matrix.

Directions

STEP 1 (Letter-Sound Assessment) Download and administer the Letter-Sound Assessment (pioneervalleybooks.com/phonicslaunch-resources). Students will be asked to name upper- and lowercase letters and then tell you what sound each letter spells. Use the Letter-Sound Recording Form to determine whether the student should be placed in the Pre-Launch Alphabetic Kit (20 or fewer letters), at Ready, Set, Go Lesson 1 (21–39 letters), or move on to the CVC portion of the assessment (40 or more letters).

STEP 2 (Decoding Inventory: CVC) Administer the CVC section of the Decoding Inventory. Have students read each word in the first row of the Decoding Inventory Student Form one at a time. Say, *Please read this word.* Wait for 5 seconds. If the student does not respond, mark as incorrect and ask the student to try the next word. To be correct, the student must give the natural pronunciation of the word without teacher support. If a student sounds out the letters (*s-e-t*) but does not put the sounds together, it is still an error. After students finish reading the first line, record their scores on the Decoding Inventory Recording Sheet. Then administer the encoding part of the CVC assessment.

STEP 3 (Encoding Inventory: CVC) Give each student a piece of paper and a pencil. Use the words listed on the CVC portion of the Encoding Inventory and say, *I am going to ask you to spell some words. Try to spell each word the best you can. Some of the words may be hard. If you don't know how to spell the word, say it slowly and write down all the sounds you hear.* After students finish writing the words, record their scores on the Encoding Inventory Recording Sheet.

STEP 4 (Placement) Take the Decoding and Encoding scores from the CVC portion of the assessments and plug them into the Scoring Matrix 1: CVC Words. Depending on how the student scores, you will either place them in the appropriate sequence of lessons or move on to the additional inventories as needed according to the matrix.

Scoring Matrix 1: CVC Words

		Decoding Accuracy			
		5	3-4	2	0-1
Encoding Accuracy	5	Administer Initial/Final Digraphs Inventory	OOW Lesson 1	RSG Lesson 13	RSG Lesson 1
	3-4				
	2				
	0-1				

Scoring Matrix 2: Initial/Final Digraphs

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Initial Blends Inventory						
	5	OOW Lesson 18		OOW Lesson 16				OOW Lesson 13
	4							
	3							
	2							
	1							
	0							

Scoring Matrix 3: Initial Blends

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Final Blends/ Final Digraphs/Floss Rule Inventory						
	5		OOW Lesson 21					OOW Lesson 19
	4							
	3							
	2							
	1							
	0							

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Scoring Matrix 4: Final Blends/Final Digraphs/Floss Rule

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Silent e Inventory	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23	
	5	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		
	4	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		
	3	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		
	2	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		
	1	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		
	0	BU Lesson 4			BU Lesson 1	OOW Lesson 23		

Scoring Matrix 5: Silent e

		Decoding Accuracy				
		4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	4	Administer Vowel Teams 1 Inventory	BU Lesson 11	BU Lesson 7		
	3	BU Lesson 11		BU Lesson 7		
	2	BU Lesson 11		BU Lesson 7		
	1	BU Lesson 11		BU Lesson 7		
	0	BU Lesson 11		BU Lesson 7		

Scoring Matrix 6: Vowel Teams 1

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Vowel Teams 2 Inventory	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13		
	5	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			
	4	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			
	3	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			
	2	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			
	1	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			
	0	BU Lesson 15			BU Lesson 13			

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Scoring Matrix 7: Vowel Teams 2

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Vowel-r Combinations 1 Inventory	BU Lesson 21				BU Lesson 19	
	5							
	4							
	3							
	2							
	1							
	0							

Scoring Matrix 8: Vowel-r Combinations 1

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Diphthong Vowel Teams Inventory	MO Lesson 5	MO Lesson 3		MO Lesson 1		
	5							
	4							
	3							
	2							
	1							
	0							

Scoring Matrix 9: Diphthong Vowel Teams

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2*	1*	0*
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Vowel-r Combinations 2 Inventory	MO Lesson 14	MO Lesson 12		MO Lesson 10		
	5							
	4							
	3							
	2*							
	1*							
	0*							

*If data and observation indicate the need for lessons containing three-letter blends, begin at MO Lesson 8, then continue with Diphthong Vowel Teams.

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Scoring Matrix 10: Vowel-r Combinations 2

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Administer Vowel Teams 3 Inventory	LO Lesson 3				LO Lesson 1	
	5							
	4							
	3		LO Lesson 1					
	2							
	1							
	0							

Scoring Matrix 11: Vowel Teams 3

		Decoding Accuracy						
		6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Encoding Accuracy	6	Begin with LO Lesson 13	LO Lesson 7				LO Lesson 4	
	5							
	4							
	3		LO Lesson 4					
	2							
	1							
	0							

**Please note: For upper-level students needing support with trigraphs, vowel teams, vowel-r combinations, diphthongs, silent letters, and other unique spelling patterns, consider using Orbiting books and lessons.

Student _____

Date _____

Directions

Use the Letter-Sound Assessment to determine what upper- and lowercase letters a student can name and whether they know the sound each letter spells. Follow the directions on the Letter-Sound Assessment Form to assess students individually. Transfer the data from the assessment to this recording sheet.

Data

Assessments	Score
Assessment 1: Naming Letters	___/52
Assessment 2: Letter-Sound	___/26

Placement/Next Steps

If students score ...

- 20 or fewer on letter names, begin at Pre-Launch Alphabetic Lesson 1.
- 21–39 on letter names begin at Ready, Set, Go Lesson 1.
- At least 40 on letter names, then administer the CVC Decoding and Encoding Inventories.

For additional information on teaching letter names and sounds, reference the *Phonics Launch Handbook*.

**On Our Way
CVC Words**

rat

bop

set

win

mug

Initial/Final Digraphs

shut

chip

thin

mesh

path

such

Initial Blends

plot

slug

crab

brim

sped

clip

Building Up

Final Blends/Final Digraphs/Floss Rule

junk

cost

plump

child

rung

stick

Silent e

cube

drive

mope

plane

**Building Up
Vowel Teams 1**

deep played creaking wait speech gray

Vowel Teams 2

spoon loading blown coach foot drooled

**Moving On
Vowel-r Combinations 1**

dirty perm starting curl order murky

Diphthong Vowel Teams

growl round knew haunt pointed yawn

**Lifting Off
Vowel-r Combinations 2**

square board hairy swore rare pair

Lifting Off
Vowel Teams 3

field flight weigh niece threat splurge

Prefixes and Suffixes

*Use the results as a data source for decoding and encoding affixes. All students receiving this survey will begin with LO Lesson 13 because the lessons also include instruction in morphology.

graceful disagreed enjoyment largest uncurl barely

Student: _____

Date: _____

Analyze and Reflect: Use this form to record observations about individual students. Place a check mark next to the words the student reads correctly. If a student incorrectly reads a word, write the miscued word next to the actual word in the reflection column. Additionally, add helpful observations about how the student reads the words (segments each phoneme, gets it started with first sound, etc.).

Decoding CVC Words: SCORE ___/5

WORD	REFLECTION
rat	
bop	
set	
win	
mug	

Decoding Initial/Final Digraphs: SCORE ___/6

WORD	REFLECTION
shut	
chip	
thin	
mesh	
path	
such	

Decoding Initial Blends: SCORE ___/6

WORD	REFLECTION
plot	
slug	
crab	
brim	
sped	
clip	

Decoding Final Blends/Final Digraphs/Floss Rule: SCORE ___/6

WORD	REFLECTION
junk	
cost	
plump	
child	
rung	
stick	

Decoding Silent e: SCORE ___/4

WORD	REFLECTION
cube	
drive	
mope	
plane	

Decoding Vowel Teams 1: SCORE ___/6

WORD	REFLECTION
deep	
played	
creaking	
wait	
speech	
gray	

Decoding Vowel Teams 2: SCORE ___/6

WORD	REFLECTION
spoon	
loading	
blown	
coach	
foot	
drooled	

Decoding Vowel-r Combinations 1: SCORE __/6

WORD		REFLECTION
dirty		
perm		
starting		
curl		
order		
murky		

Decoding Diphthong Vowel Teams: SCORE __/6

WORD		REFLECTION
growl		
round		
knew		
haunt		
pointed		
yawn		

Decoding Vowel-r Combinations 2: SCORE __/6

WORD		REFLECTION
square		
board		
hairy		
swore		
rare		
pair		

Decoding Vowel Teams 3: SCORE ___/6

WORD		REFLECTION
field		
flight		
weigh		
niece		
threat		
splurge		

Decoding Prefixes and Suffixes: SCORE ___/6

WORD		REFLECTION
graceful		
disagreed		
enjoyment		
largest		
uncurl		
barely		

Student: _____

Date: _____

Analyze and Reflect: Use this form to record observations about individual students. Note strengths as well as issues such as letter reversals, letter formation habits, and confusions in the reflection column. Circle the sounds that are misspelled. Please note that only the shaded column will count toward the overall score; however, all other observations should inform your instruction.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Encoding CVC Words: SCORE /5 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
map	m	a	p	
sob	s	o	b	
dig	d	i	g	
fun	f	u	n	
pet	p	e	t	

Encoding Initial/Final Digraphs: SCORE /6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
chop	ch	o	p	
shed	sh	e	d	
thin	th	i	n	
dash	d	a	sh	
bath	b	a	th	
much	m	u	ch	

Encoding Initial Blends: SCORE /6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
clog	cl	o	g	
snap	sn	a	p	
crib	cr	i	b	
drum	dr	u	m	
fled	fl	e	d	
skit	sk	i	t	



PHONICS LAUNCH Encoding Inventory Recording Sheet

BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS (continued)

Encoding Final Blends/Final Digraphs/Floss Rule: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
hunt	h	u	nt	
find	f	i	nd	
craft	cr	a	ft	
risk	r	i	sk	
kept	k	e	pt	
dress	dr	e	ss	

Encoding Silent e: SCORE ___/4 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
note	n	o_e	t	
grade	gr	a_e	d	
swipe	sw	i_e	p	
flute	fl	u_e	t	

Encoding Vowel Teams 1: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
leaf	l	ea	f	
tray	tr	ay		
rain	r	ai	n	
keep	k	ee	p	
sway	sw	ay		
neat	n	ea	t	

Encoding Vowel Teams 2: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
toast	t	oa	st	
snow	sn	ow		
good	g	oo	d	
float	fl	oa	t	
tool	t	oo	l	
crow	cr	ow		



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Encoding Inventory Recording Sheet (continued)

BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Encoding Vowel-r Combinations 1: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
girl	g	ir	l	
burn	b	ur	n	
stork	st	or	k	
shirt	sh	ir	t	
charm	ch	ar	m	
fern	f	er	n	

Encoding Diphthong Vowel Teams: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
spoil	sp	oi	l	
flew	fl	ew		
town	t	ow	n	
lawn	l	aw	n	
glue	gl	ue		
shout	sh	ou	t	

Encoding Vowel-r Combinations 2: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
score	sc	ore		
chair	ch	air		
shore	sh	ore		
fairy	f	air	y	
roar	r	oar		
share	sh	are		

Encoding Vowel Teams 3: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	REFLECTION
bright	br	igh	t	
splice	spl	i_e	c	
thread	thr	ea	d	
chief	ch	ie	f	
eight		eigh	t	



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Encoding Inventory Recording Sheet (continued)

BUILDING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Encoding Prefixes and Suffixes: SCORE ___/6 (Please note the score should reflect only the misspellings from the shaded column)

WORD	PREFIX	INITIAL	VOWEL	FINAL	SUFFIX	REFLECTION
displace	dis		a_e			
nicest			i_e	c	est	
unknown	un	kn	ow			
cowardly			ow, ar		ly	
department	de		ar		ment	
mouthful			ou	th	ful	