

Phonics Made Simple

Grade 1



Preview & Information Guide

About the Book

Phonics Made Simple Grade 1 is a 108-page workbook created for learners who are developing early reading, spelling and writing skills. Activities move from sound recognition and handwriting into word reading, word building and sentence work.

Phonics Approach

The book follows a structured progression. Learners revise letter-sound relationships, blend and segment words, recognise common spelling patterns and apply their knowledge in reading and writing activities.

Curriculum Alignment

The content is aligned with the South African CAPS curriculum and the Foundation Phase phonics progression used by WCED schools. It supports systematic teaching, consolidation and revision throughout Grade 1.

Note

This independently developed workbook is not affiliated with, or based exclusively on Jolly Phonics, THRASS or Letterland. Schools can use it alongside their existing phonics programme or as a structured practice and intervention resource.

Inside the Grade 1 book

104 pages of progressing phonics practice



What learners will practise

FOUNDATIONS

Letter sounds, letter formation and handwriting practice

EARLY WORD READING

CVC words, blending, segmenting and word families

EXTENDING PHONICS

Digraphs, beginning and ending blends, long vowels and vowel teams

APPLYING SKILLS

High-frequency words, sentence reading and sentence writing

How to use the book

- Whole-class teaching: Introduce or revise a phonics concept.
- Small groups: Provide focused practice at the appropriate level.
- Intervention: Revisit gaps in sound knowledge, blending or spelling.
- Independent work: Consolidate skills after direct teaching.
- Homework and revision: Give learners manageable practice at home.

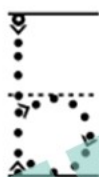
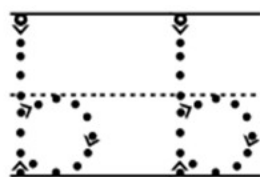
Designed for flexible use

Teachers can work through the book in sequence or select activities that match the school's own phonics programme and learner needs. The workbook provides practice rather than a scripted daily teaching programme.

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Trace



Circle the pictures that begin with /b/



Write the letters



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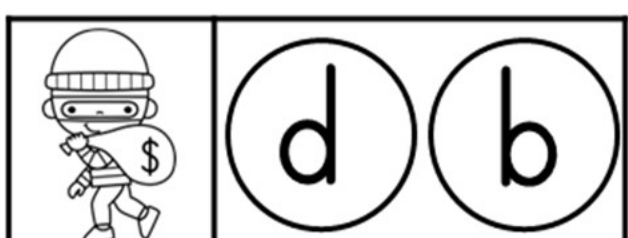
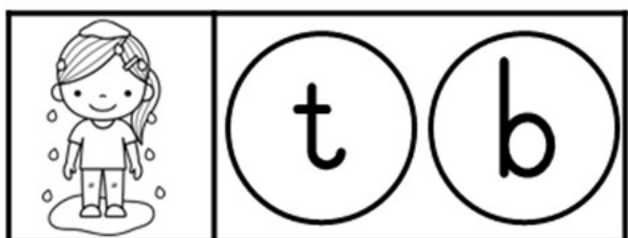
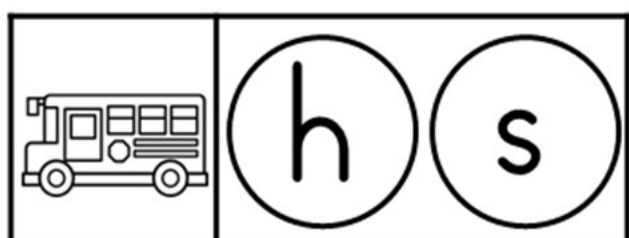
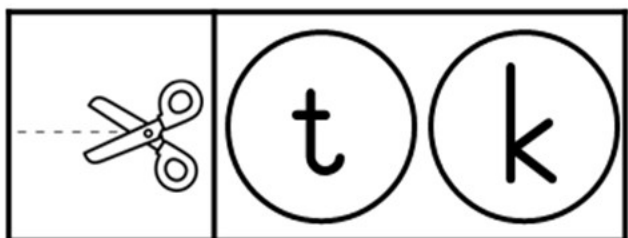
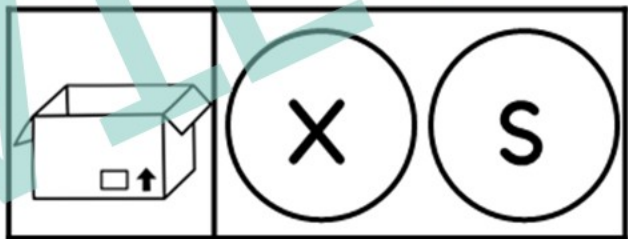
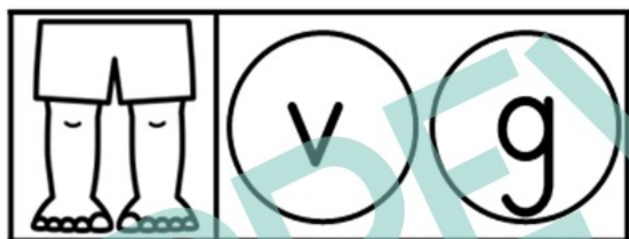
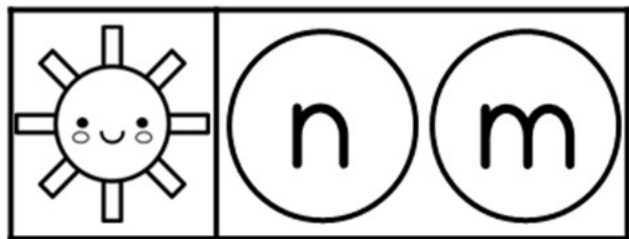
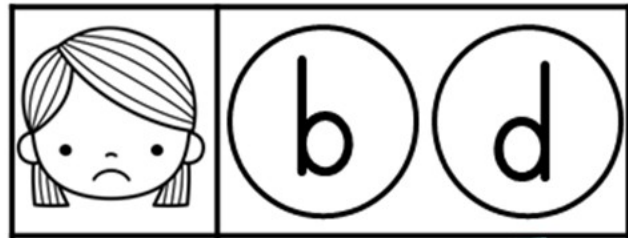
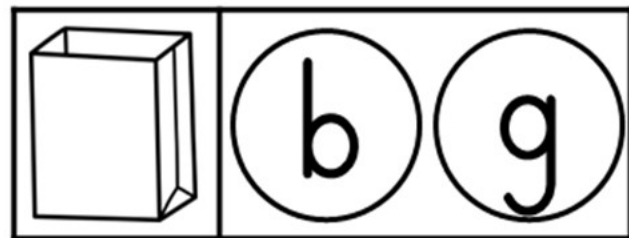
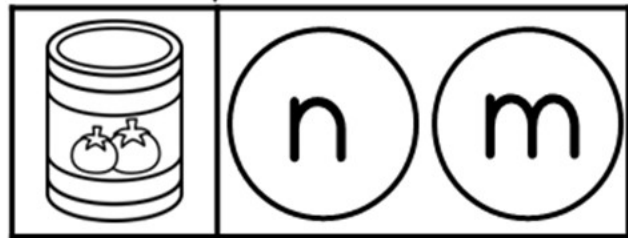
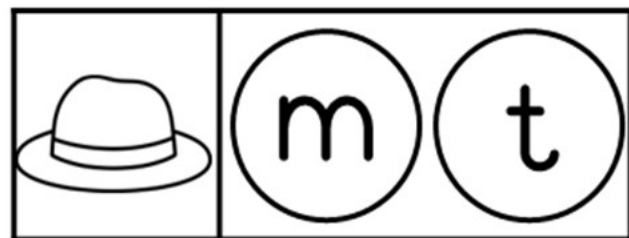
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Read the sentence

The bat is on the bed.

Final Sounds Review

Colour the final sound for each picture.



Word Families

Read the words in the box. Write each word in the correct word family house.

pop

big

van

rat

hat

pan

hop

mop

wig

dig

cat

man

mat

fan

pig

top

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What's the blend?

Choose the correct blend and write it to complete the word.

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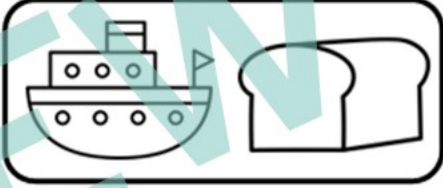
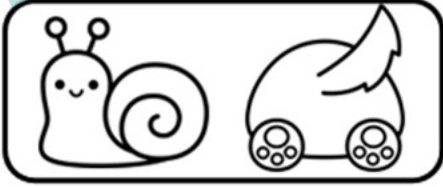
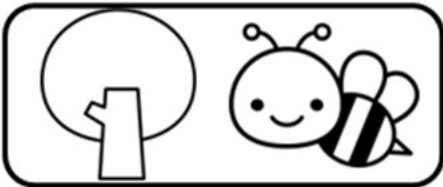
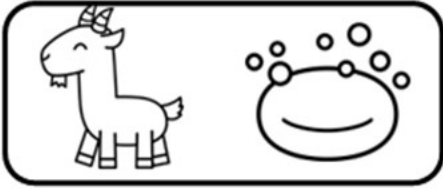
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Vowel Teams - Sound it out

Blend the word and colour the matching picture.

r	ai	n	rain	
f	ee	t	feet	
b	oa	t	boat	
t	ai	l	tail	
t	r	ee	tree	
s	oa	p	soap	
c	oa	t	coat	