


My Phase 3 Sound Mat

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My Phase 5 Sound Mat

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u-e



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Punctuation Power!



Spaces between words

A

Capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, for names of people, places, days of the week and 'I' (me)

.

A full stop at the end of a sentence

!

Exclamation marks for surprise

?

Question marks for questions

Joining Ideas

and

fish **and** chips

bat **and** ball

Tim **and** Sam

I love football **and** I love school.



Writing Mat

Expected Year 1

Super Spellings... I need to know **some** of these:

a	go	me	push	they
are	has	my	said	to
ask	he	no	says	today
be	here	of	school	was
by	his	one	she	we
come	house	once	so	were
do	I	our	some	where
friend	is	pull	the	you
full	love	put	there	your

Days of the week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

More than One!

Use **-s** and **-es** to make plurals.

three bears



some dishes



Fantastic Phonics

Say the word.

Split it into phonemes.

Write the graphemes.

Use your phonics knowledge to spell words.

Read and write these:

j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh
oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er

ay ou ie ea oy ir ue aw wh ph ew oe
au ey
a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e

Super Suffixes

Use **-ing**, **-ed** and **-er** to make new words.

playing

played

player

helping

helped


helper

Top Tips

Say your whole sentence out loud first.

Read it back to check that it makes sense and make changes.

Writing Mat Expected Year 2

Punctuation Power!	
	Correctly sized spaces
A	Capital letters to begin a sentence and for names and places
.	A full stop at the end of a sentence
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise
?	Question marks for questions

Super Spellings... I need to know many of these:			
poor	cold	again	move
find	gold	grass	prove
mind	hold	pass	half
floor	told	plant	parents
eye	every	path	money
kind	great	door	improve
who	break	both	sugar
whole	steak	most	could
any	Mrs	even	would
child	after	climb	beautiful
wild	fast	busy	because
Mr	last	people	should
only	past	pretty	behind
old	father	sure	Christmas
many	class	bath	everybody
clothes	water	hour	children

Some have capital letters.

Use apostrophes to show contractions.			
hasn't	it's	she'll	I've
(has not)	(it is/it has)	(she will)	(I have)

Sneaky Suffixes	
glue on the end of a word:	
-ment	amazement
-ness	happiness
-ful	playful
-less	hopeless
-ly	angrily
Sometimes suffixes change the end of the root word.	

Smashing Sentences	
Statement	I am seven.
Question	How old are you?
Exclamation	What a nice surprise it is to see you!
Command	Come to my party.

Terrific Tenses	
Present	The girl plays drums / The girl is playing the drums.
Past	The girl played the drums.

Jolly Joining Words	
Co-ordination	
and but so	
Subordination	
if that because when	
George can play outside when he has had his dinner.	
The horse would win the race if it kept running.	
The frog made a loud croaking sound that made me jump.	
The greenhouse window got smashed because Zara hit it with her football.	

Describe
Use noun phrases to add more detail.
the cold, deep sea
a tall, leafless tree
a creaky, wooden box

Writing Mat Expected Year 3

Punctuation Power!	
A	Capital letters for the start of sentences, names and places.
.	A full stop at the end of a sentence.
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
?	Question marks for questions.
'	Apostrophes for showing something belongs to someone and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't.
,	Commas to separate items on a list.
""	Inverted commas to show direct speech.

Can you squeeze in some co-ordinating conjunctions?	
F	for
A	and
N	nor
B	but
O	or
Y	yet
S	so

Know your Prefixes
un- means not
pre- means before
mis- means wrong
super- means above
re- means again
sub- means under
inter- means between
anti- means against
auto- means self
im/ir/in/il- mean not

Which is Witch? Don't Muddle Your Homophones
there/their/they're
our/are
two/too/to
your/you're
here/hear

Fantastic Ways to Show Time, Place and Cause in Your Sentences		
Subordinating Conjunctions		
when	before	because
after	while	
Prepositions		
in	during	because of
over	near	until
above	behind	
Adverbs		
next	soon	then
therefore		

Super Spellings... I need to know most of these:					
accident	centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign
accidentally	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actually	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women

Don't forget to organise your writing into **paragraphs**. Each one needs a few sentences linked to the same theme.

Writing Mat Expected Year 4

Spellings... I need to know almost all of these:					
accident	centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign
accidentally	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actually	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
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“ ”	Inverted commas around speech.

Top Tip: Use pronouns like he, she, them or they instead of repeating a name or names.

Front it Out!	
Use fronted adverbials with a comma.	
After the storm,	Running for his life,
Behind the clouds,	All of a sudden,
Before lunch,	Waiting anxiously,

Expanded Noun Phrases: Get Descriptive!
the hideous, fire-breathing dragon with green scales
a magnificent, sparkling necklace with priceless diamonds

Does it All Agree?
Check through your work for:
was/were is/are
Is your writing in the correct tense?

Which is Witch? Don't Muddle Your Homophones	
there/their/they're	your/you're
our/are	accept/except
two/too/to	whether/weather

Super Suffixes!
-ation
preparation sensation
-ous
courageous curious serious
-ly
gently angrily frantically

Don't forget your paragraphs!

Use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences. Use a thesaurus to up-level your vocabulary choices.

Check for tense, subject/verb agreement, person, paragraphs and genre features!

Marvellous Modals!

Include modal verbs to show possibility:

can could should
might must may
would will ought

(and their negative versions)

Could you pop in an adverb of possibility?

surely possibly
certainly perhaps

Front it Out!

Link your sentences and paragraphs:

Time

At that moment, On Saturday,
Finally,

Place

Over the bridge, Inside the chest,
Beyond the clouds,

Frequency

Every few weeks, Never before,
Occasionally, Often,

Manner/ Behaviour

Breathing heavily, Waiting
anxiously, Without warning,

Spellings... I need to know most of these:

accommodate	correspond	hindrance	recognise
accompany	criticise	individual	recommend
according	curiosity	interfere	relevant
achieve	definite	interrupt	restaurant
aggressive	desperate	language	rhyme
amateur	determined	leisure	rhythms
ancient	develop	lightning	sacrifice
apparent	dictionary	marvellous	secretary
appreciate	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
attached	environment	muscle	sincere
available	equip(-ped)	necessary	sincerely
average	equipment	neighbour	soldier
awkward	especially	nuisance	stomach
bargain	exaggerate	occupy	sufficient
bruise	excellent	occur	suggest
category	existence	opportunity	symbol
committee	explanation	parliament	system
communicate	familiar	physical	temperature
community	foreign	prejudice	thorough
competition	forty	privilege	twelfth
conscience	frequently	profession	variety
conscious	government	programme	vegetable
controversy	guarantee	pronunciation	vehicle
convenience	harass	queue	yacht

Expanded Noun Phrases:

Get Descriptive!
the ferocious, snarling beast
inside the cage
the breath-taking, scenic
view beyond the valley

Punctuation Reminders:

A	Capital letters for sentences, initials and proper nouns.
.	Full stops.
!	Exclamation marks for exclamations or surprise.
?	Question marks.
'	Apostrophes for possession and missing letters and to mark missing letters in contracted words, e.g. didn't.
,	Commas in lists, and to mark parenthesis, fronted adverbials and clauses.
“ ”	Inverted commas for speech. (Don't forget the commas too!)
-	Hyphen to connect words together.
-	Dashes to show longer pauses or parenthesis.
()	Brackets for parenthesis.

Super Suffixes!

-ation preparation sensation
-ous courageous curious serious
-ly gently angrily frantically

It's All Relative!

Use a 'which', 'who' or 'that' relative clause to add extra information:

The Queen, who has reigned for 60 years, has four children.

Hedgehogs eat garden snails, which is important within the food chain.

The stench was so putrid that it made her eyes water.

Super Subordination!

Use these conjunctions to create super complex sentences:

if because as
before after until
that since when

Important Links!

Link your sentences and paragraphs using adverbials:

Time

Subsequently, Later that day,

Place

Deep inside the forest, Below the sea,

Frequency

Occasionally, Often,

Contrast/ Cause

On the other hand, In contrast,

As a result, Consequently,

Manner/ Behaviour

Breathing heavily, Waiting anxiously, Without warning,

Creating Cohesion Top

Tip: Not only can you use pronouns like he, she, it or they instead of repeating a name or names but how about other names or titles too? Here's some examples: the teacher, she, Mrs Smith, the lovely woman or the lady with the long hair.

Be a Punctuation Professional:

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Active and Passive

Use active and passive sentences appropriately:

Active: In front of millions of screaming fans, the star striker missed a vital penalty.

Passive: In front of millions of screaming fans, a vital penalty was missed by the star striker.

Modal Verbs

Modal verbs describe how likely it is that something will happen.

You **should not (shouldn't)** go to school today.

I **could** have a coffee with you.

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Expected Year 6



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Perfect Parenthesis!

Use brackets, commas or dashes to punctuate extra information and asides:

The tomb of Tutankhamen (the Ancient Egyptian pharaoh) was discovered by Howard Carter.

The advancing alien, who was speaking a Martian language, looked dangerous.

The daffodils – my favourite sign of spring – swayed gently in the woodland breeze.

Use a thesaurus to look for more ambitious synonyms. Why use 'frightened' when you could use...

startled alarmed apprehensive

Or 'show' a character's feelings:

his breathing quickened

her heart raced

sweat trickled gasping for air

Check for:

- consistent tense
- paragraphs with cohesive links
- subject/verb agreement
- genre features
- layout devices

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awkward	especially	nuisance	stomach
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Splendid Subordination!

Use these conjunctions in varied places in your multi-clause sentences:

if	because	as
before	after	until
unless	since	when