



Decoding alien words - phonic screening flowchart

Explain to the child that the aliens pictured on the cards do not speak the same language as us, so the words will not sound like real words that the child will recognise.

Display only one card at a time, covering the words below the word being read if necessary to focus the reader's attention.

NB. If you already know the child's approximate decoding ability, you could start the testing from a later card.

Think...
 How fluent is the decoding?
 Does the child blend on the run?
 Do they recognise digraphs, trigraphs and syllables?