

Twinkl Phonics – Level 1: Explanation of Each Aspect

- Aspect 1 – [Environmental sounds](#)

For this aspect, children will be listening for familiar environmental sounds, such as the sound of a car's engine, or the sound a washing machine makes. Children are encouraged to describe environmental sounds and compare similarities and differences between these sounds. The overall aim of this aspect is for children to be able to identify various environmental sounds and be able to remember key differences between them.

- Aspect 2 – [Instrumental sounds](#)

As you might well expect, this aspect focuses on the sounds made by musical instruments! With this particular aspect, children are supported with developing their awareness of the sounds made by different instruments and again encouraged to discuss similarities and differences. Through activities and discussions, children are also encouraged to use a wide vocabulary when talking about instruments and their associated sounds.

- Aspect 3 - [Body percussion](#)

Aspect 3 in Level 1 phonics focuses on the sounds we can create using our bodies. This includes the sounds made by actions, such as stomping our feet, clapping our hands and clicking our fingers. Aspect 3 is designed to support young children with learning more about rhythm and to help them develop an understanding of sound patterns. Children are also encouraged to discuss the sounds our bodies make and what these sounds mean.

- Aspect 4 - [Rhythm and rhyme](#)

Aspect 4 in Level 1 phonics focuses on rhythm and rhyme. Through fun activities and teaching opportunities, children are supported to develop an awareness of rhythm and rhyme, and supported with developing their knowledge of rhyming words. Children are encouraged to discuss rhyming words and play games which helps them identify rhyming words, such as matching rhyming pairs.

- Aspect 5 - [Alliteration](#)

During aspect 5 children will develop an understanding of [alliteration](#). Again, through engaging learning activities, children are encouraged to listen to sounds at the beginning of words and hear the differences between them. Activities which focus on aspect 5 also encourage children to explore how different sounds are articulated.

- Aspect 6 - [Voice sounds](#)

Aspect 6 explores speech sounds and teaches children how to distinguish between them. As you'd expect with any Level 1 aspect, there are plenty of opportunities to support communication and language development. In this instance, children are encouraged to talk about the different sounds we can make with our voices.

- Aspect 7 - [Oral blending and segmenting](#)

Aspect 7 focuses on building up essential skills by orally segmenting and blending the different sounds in words. To do this, children are encouraged to listen to the sounds in words and remember the order in which they occur. Through age-appropriate activities, children are supported to talk about the different sounds that make up words.