



NESSY READING & SPELLING CHECK

GUIDELINES

The reading and spelling checks will help you decide which box to select.

- Give encouragement and praise but **no help!**
- Before starting the spelling and reading check prepare the student. Many dyslexics hate reading and writing, especially anything they see as a test – this is why we call it a ‘check’ rather than a ‘test’. Say something like, ‘don’t worry its not a test it is just for us to see which box is best for you.’
- **Spelling:** The spelling check needs to be hand written. Do not give too long on each word (as a rough guide, give a maximum of 10 seconds). All dyslexics make silly mistakes so they might get the odd one wrong that another time could be spelt correctly, so only stop after a series of 5 consecutive errors.
- Some words need to be put into a sentence because there is more than one way of spelling them. These have been starred. It is important that the student hears each word correctly – if in doubt put the word into a simple sentence to show its meaning.
- **Reading:** Always read across from left to right only. If they are taking too long to read a word (as a rough guide, give a maximum of 8 seconds) move on to the next one. Stop when they are experiencing difficulty or after a series of 5 consecutive errors.

Marking

To mark the reading check we suggest that you print out an extra sheet, then as the student reads, mark with a tick, or circle the part of the word that is misread. Compare the results with the Nessy answer chart. The answer charts will help identify where to start on the programme. Each word has been selected to check a different teaching resource in the programme eg. a mistake reading ‘sharp’ suggests that the ‘ar’ pattern in Black Box 3 should be covered. If you need help in identifying the starting point please send copies of the results to us and we will send you advice - good luck!

NESSY READING CHECK

AQUA BOX 1

at fix hop dug bet so that

YELLOW BOX 2

she chat trip slum spy kidnap sunny they

BLACK BOX 3

bump sharp before scorch stung burnt husband

GREEN BOX 4

mighty stoke twirling should splashes sprain steamer

PURPLE BOX 5

hero include slammed sherry country example where

ORANGE BOX 6

juice ginger forceful gently because search

LIME BOX 7

swallow world rewarded sausage obstacle knowing

BLUE BOX 8

does loneliness medium tiniest triumph theatre

GREY BOX 9

thieves combed answers disguise soldier

SUNSHINE BOX 10

perspire decency regiment worthwhile squander drought

RED BOX 11

caution conversion unanimous limousine unique appreciate

WHITE BOX 12

chandelier phenomenon nutritious psychotic anxiety

MAROON BOX 13

synonymous annihilate eccentricity indistinguishable

NESSY READING ANSWER CHART

AQUA BOX 1						
at vowel ä	fix CVC vowel ĩ	hop CVC vowel ö	dug CVC vowel ũ & b-d	bet CVC vowel é & b-d	so open syllables	that Tricky words 1
YELLOW BOX 2						
she open (1) & sh	chat ch	trip initial blends	slum initial blends	spy y as ĩ	kidnap CVC-CVC	sunny they y as ē Tricky words 2
BLACK BOX 3						
bump end blends	sharp ar	before Tricky words 3	scorch or	stung ng	burnt ur-ir-er	husband harder 2 beat words
GREEN BOX 4						
mighty phonic & tails pack 1	stoke magic e (1)	twirling vr (2) & tails 1	should Tricky words 4	splashes triple blends & tails 1	sprain triple bl & phonic (1)	steamer tails & phonic (1)
PURPLE BOX 5						
hero open syllables (2)	include magic e (2)	slammed -ed & rabbit words	sherry vrr	country phonic sounds (2)	example cle	where Tricky words 5
ORANGE BOX 6						
juice soft c & phonic (2)	ginger soft g	forceful soft c & tails (2)	gently soft g & tails (2)	because tricky words 6	search phonic sounds (3)	
LIME BOX 7						
swallow w rule (wa)	world w rule (wor)	rewarded w rule (war8)	sausage tails 3	obstacle tails 3	knowing tricky 7	
BLUE BOX 8						
does tricky words 8	loneliness links (1)	medium links (1)	tiniest links (1)	triumph split vowels v/v	theatre split vowels v/v	
GREY BOX 9						
thieves f-th-v	combed silent letters (1)	answers silent letters (1)	disguise silent letters (1)	soldier Tricky words 9		
SUNSHINE BOX 10						
perspire vre	decency soft c (2)	regiment soft g (2)	worthwhile w rule (2)	squander qua - w rule (2)	drought ough	
RED BOX 11						
caution sticky 'i' (1)	conversion sticky 'i' (1)	unanimous tails 4	limousine tails 5	unique tails 6	appreciate tails 6	
WHITE BOX 12						
chandelier ch as sh	phenomenon ph	nutritious sticky 'i' (2)	psychotic silent (2) & ch as k	anxiety sticky 'i' (2)		
MAROON BOX 13						
synonymous y as a vowel	annihilate changed heads	eccentricity multi-syllables	indistinguishable multi-syllables			

Mark this sheet as the student reads, with a tick, or circle around the part that is misread.

NESSEY SPELLING CHECK

<p style="text-align: center;">AQUA BOX 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mat 2. pin 3. log 4. yes 5. bud 6. was 	<p style="text-align: center;">YELLOW BOX 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. flip 8. crab 9. sky 10. have 	<p style="text-align: center;">BLACK BOX 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. chess 12. held 13. thump 14. long 15. sharp 16. thorn 17. said
<p style="text-align: center;">GREEN BOX 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. grapes 19. cube 20. could 21. scrub 22. asking 	<p style="text-align: center;">PURPLE BOX 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. want 24. where * <p><i>'Where are you going? Spell where'</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. sticky 26. likes 	<p style="text-align: center;">ORANGE BOX 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. magnet 28. varnish 29. silent 30. debate 31. stretch 32. slipped 33. anyone
<p style="text-align: center;">LIME BOX 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 34. dodge 35. bandage 36. explain 37. tonight 38. soapy 39. narrow 40. stewed 41. other 	<p style="text-align: center;">BLUE BOX 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 42. hoping 43. locket 44. flicked 45. noisy 46. ground 47. beautiful 	<p style="text-align: center;">GREY BOX 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 48. above 49. month 50. stories 51. riddle 52. busy
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNSHINE BOX 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 53. their * <p><i>'Their coats are blue. Spell their.'</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 54. circle 55. nightmare 56. vampire 57. material 58. squashed 59. worthless 60. although 	<p style="text-align: center;">RED BOX 11</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 61. auction 62. disobey 63. telescope 64. porcupine 65. suitable 66. climate 	<p style="text-align: center;">WHITE BOX 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 67. scheme 68. coarse * <p><i>'The sandpaper was coarse? Spell coarse'</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 69. mosquito 70. atmosphere 71. receipt 72. suspicious 73. residential
<p style="text-align: center;">MAROON BOX 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 74. shrapnel 75. recompense 76. exceptionally 77. genuinely 78. conductor 79. irresistible 80. hydraulic 		

Read the words aloud for the student to write on a separate piece of paper.

NESSY SPELLING ANSWER CHART

<p>AQUA BOX 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CVC vowel ä 2. CVC vowel ĩ 3. CVC vowel ö 4. CVC vowel ũ & b-d 5. CVC vowel e 6. Tricky words 1 	<p>YELLOW BOX 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Initial blends 8. Initial blends 9. y as ĩ 10. Tricky words 2 	<p>BLACK BOX 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Flossy words 12. End blends 13. th & end blends 14. ng 15. ar 16. or 17. Tricky words 3
<p>GREEN BOX 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. magic e & tails 1 19. magic e (u-e) 20. Tricky words 4 21. Triple blends 22. a before s-f-th & tails 1 	<p>PURPLE BOX 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. Tricky words 5 24. Tricky words 5 25. Protector ck 26. Protector ck-ke 	<p>ORANGE BOX 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. CVC-CVC 28. ar (2) & tails 2 29. Open syllables 30. Magic e (2) 31. Protector tch 32. Rabbit words 33. Tricky words 6
<p>LIME BOX 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 34. protector dge 35. Tails 3 36. ai-ay 37. igh-y 38. oa 39. ow & rabbit words 40. oo-ew 41. Tricky words 7 	<p>BLUE BOX 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 42. drop e (tiger words) 43. ed-et 44. ed-et 45. oi-oy 46. ou-ow 47. Tricky words 8 	<p>GREY BOX 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 48. v rule & o as ũ 49. o as ũ & th-f-v 50. Plurals & Y rule 51. cle 52. Tricky words 9
<p>SUNSHINE BOX 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 53. Homophones (1) 54. Soft c & ur-ir-er 55. vre & are-air-ear 56. vre 57. Links 58. qua 59. w rule 60. ough-augh 	<p>RED BOX 11</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 61. au-aw & Tails 4 62. Long ā choices 63. Long ō choices 64. Long ĩ choices 65. Long ũ & Tails 5 66. Tails 6 	<p>WHITE BOX 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 67. Long ē & ch as k 68. Homophones (2) 69. que 70. ph 71. Silent letters 72. Sticky 'i' (2) 73. Sticky 'i' (2)
<p>MAROON BOX 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 74. -le -al -el 75. ce-se 76. -ly rule 77. /J/ choices & -ly rule 78. /k/ choices & -ar-or 79. Changed heads 80. y as a vowel 		

This answer chart relates the spellings to each section of a box.