Floppy's Phonics

Extra Practice Zone

Information booklet

Your child is learning to read with *Floppy's Phonics*, a step-by-step synthetic phonics reading scheme. It introduces the children to the letters and sounds – the alphabetic code – that will become the foundation of their reading and writing.

Your child's school has a subscription to *Floppy's Phonics Online* on Oxford Owl.

This booklet shows you how you can help your child practise and consolidate their reading skills by using the **Extra Practice Zone**.

What is the Extra Practice Zone?

The Extra Practice Zone is an area on *Floppy's Phonics Online* where your child can practise their phonics skills at home, with the help of an adult. It contains:

- Four song files that use words and actions to help children remember the sounds they have been taught;
- 42 interactive eBooks, each offering a range of activities that will help improve your child's reading skills.

Your child may have already listened to these songs and practised some of these activities at school, either with the whole class or on their own.

How does my child access the Extra Practice Zone?

Your child's teacher will tell you which songs and/or eBooks your child should access at home.

Avoid completing eBooks that your child's teacher has not recommended, as the eBooks are carefully designed to match your child's progress so far.

1. Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click on the 'Log in' link (top right).
3. Type in the class name and password that your child's teacher has given your child, and click 'Log in'.

Write your class name and password here:

Class name: _____

Password: _____

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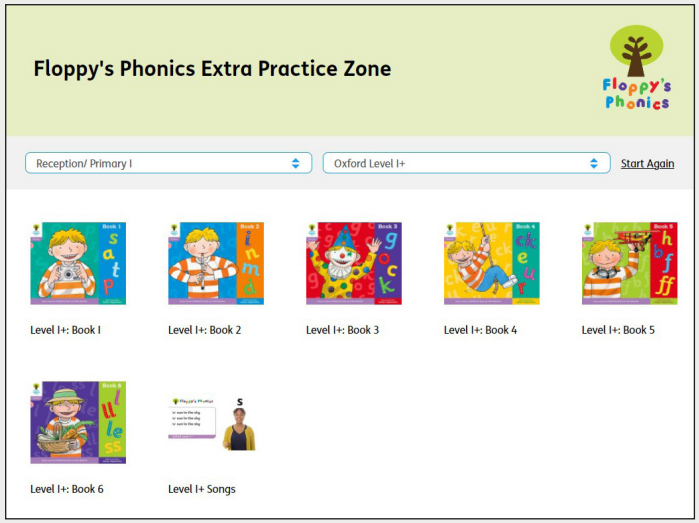
4. Click on the 'Extra Practice Zone' button.

5. Use the 'Year groups' dropdown menu to find your child's year group, and the 'Levels' menu, then find the song file or eBook that your child's teacher has recommended.

6. Click on the song file or eBook to open it.



7. Play the song file, skipping to the relevant songs if your child's teacher has indicated that you should listen to specific sounds. Timings for each song are provided at the end of this document.

   Explore the eBook with your child, saying the sounds and listening to the audio, and completing the pop-up activities See below for more information on individual activities.

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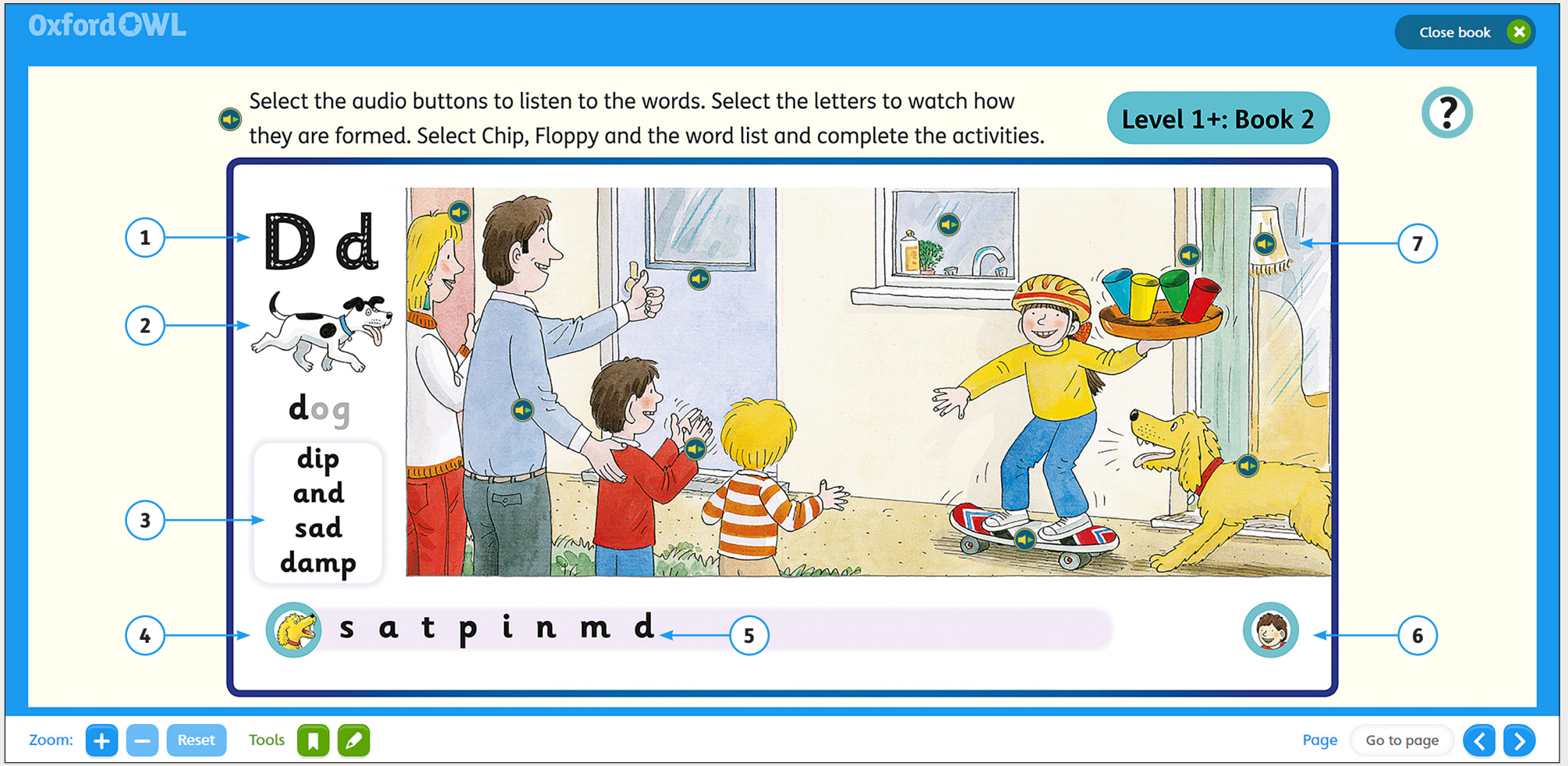
How do the activities work?

Encourage your child to click on the interactive parts of the eBook and try the activities. See below for more guidance on each activity.



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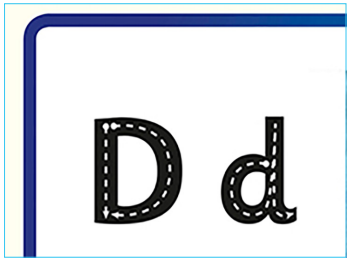
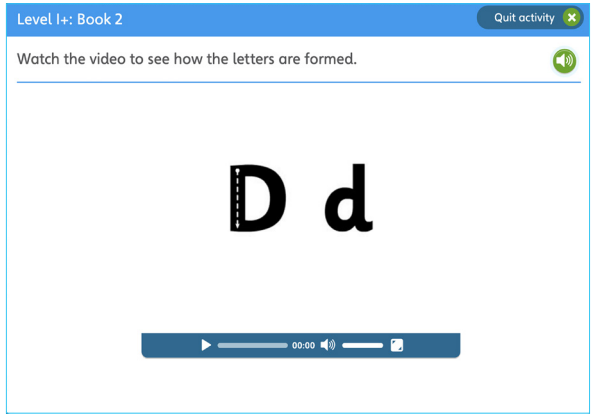
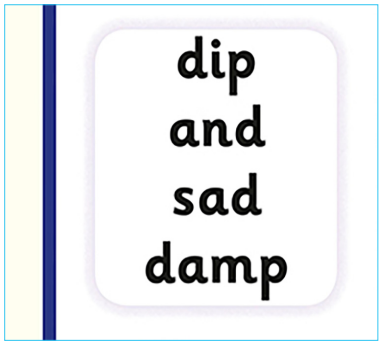
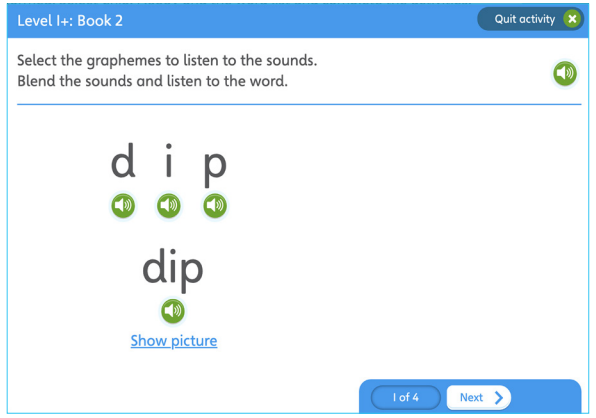
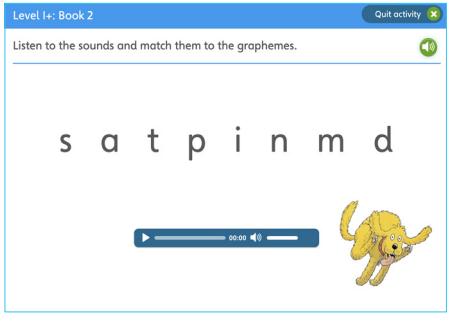
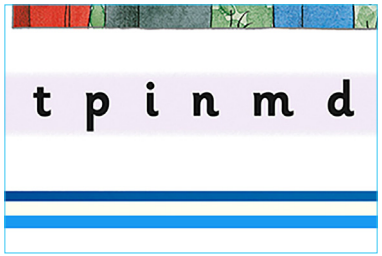
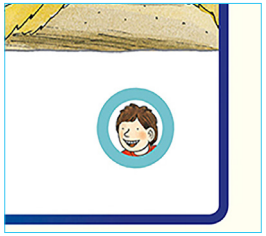
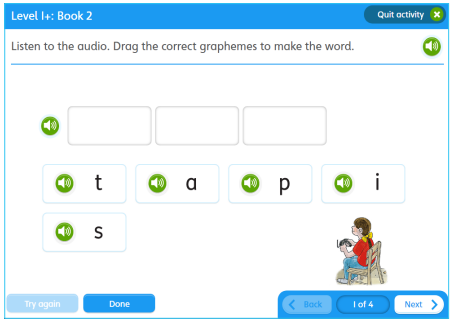
1		**Letter formation** Click on the letters to show a video of how to write the letters. Try drawing the letters with your finger in the air or with a pencil on paper.	
2		**Focus sound and word** Click on the focus sound and related object to hear audio of the sound and the word. Repeat the sound and say the word.	Audio only.
3		**Blending** Click on the list of words to show a blending activity. Try to say the individual sounds on the top row and then blend the sounds together to say the word underneath. Use the green sound buttons and the 'Show picture' button to help you. Click Next to try the next word in the list.	

	Press here for an activity	What's the activity?	What does the activity look like?
4		**Letter and sound matching** Click on the Floppy button to show a letter and sound matching activity. Play the audio and point to the right letter as you hear the sound.	
5		**Practise the sounds you've learned** Click on the letters to hear the sounds you have learned so far. Try saying the sound before you click.	Audio only.
6		**Spelling** Click on the Chip button to show a spelling activity. Click on the top green sound button to hear the word. Drag the letters to make the word, using the sound buttons to help you decide which letters are in the word. When you have finished, you can click Done to check if the spelling is correct. Click Next to move on to the next word.	
7		**Words that include the focus sound** Look at the main picture. Click on the sound buttons to hear words of things in the picture that use the focus sound, either at the beginning, middle or end of the word. Say each word and listen to the focus sound in it.	Audio only.

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Skip through the song files to practise those sounds that your child's teacher has indicated. The timings for each sound are as follows:

Level 1+

Sound	Grapheme	Key word	Timings
/s/	s	sun	00:00:00
/a/	a	apple	00:01:00
/t/	t	teddy	00:01:55
/p/	p	pan	00:03:09
/i/	i	insect	00:04:06
/n/	n	net	00:05:22
/m/	m	man	00:06:46
/d/	d	dog	00:07:45
/g/	g	gate	00:09:00
/o/	o	octopus	00:09:59
/c/	c	cat	00:10:54
/k/	k	key	00:11:48
/e/	e	egg	00:12:50
/u/	u	umbrella	00:13:44
/r/	r	rabbit	00:15:38
/h/	h	hat	00:16:35
/b/	b	bone	00:17:35
/f/	f	fish	00:18:30
/l/	l	lion	00:19:27
/ul/	le	bottle	00:20:52

Level 2

Sound	Grapheme	Key word	Timings
/j/	j	jug	00:00:00
/v/	v	van	00:01:00
/w/	w	web	00:01:56
/ks/	x	fox	00:02:50
/y/	y	yo-yo	00:04:08
/z/	z	zip	00:06:04
/kw/	qu	queen	00:07:16
/ch/	ch	chick	00:08:12
/sh/	sh	ship	00:09:34
/th/	th	this thumb	00:10:50
/ng/	ng	ring	00:11:49
/ngk/	nk	ink	00:12:50

Level 3

Sound	Grapheme	Key word	Timings
/ai/	ai	aim	00:00:00
/ee/	ee	eel	00:00:58
/igh/	igh	knight	00:02:13
/oa/	oa	goat	00:03:29
/oo/	oo	cook	00:04:30
/oo/	oo	spoon	00:05:25
/ar/	ar	arm	00:06:21
/or/	or	fork	00:07:15
/ur/	ur	purse	00:08:15
/ow/	ow	owl	00:09:33
/oi/	oi	oil	00:10:44
/ear/	ear	ear	00:11:46
/air/	air	hair	00:12:40
/yoo/	ue	rescue	00:13:35
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