ph says f: answers and notes

What your child practised: reading words where p and h together make one sound, f, as in dolphin, phone and elephant (Year 1 spelling: the consonant spellings ph and wh).

Page 1 · Warm up

phone · gra**ph** · **ph**oto

Page 2 · Try it together

Ticks will vary. Every word has one ph, and it always says f.

Page 2 · A. Ring the ph

dol**ph**in · **ph**one · ele**ph**ant · gra**ph** · **ph**oto · tro**ph**y · al**ph**abet · **ph**onics · **Ph**il

Page 3 · B. Match

phone → phone picture · dolphin → dolphin · elephant → elephant · trophy → trophy (the cup)

Page 3 · C. How many sounds?

g-r-a-**ph** = **4** · d-o-l-**ph**-i-n = **6** · e-l-e-**ph**-a-n-t = **7**

Challenge: No. p and h together make **one** sound, f. Sam should say "f-one", which blends to **phone**.

Watch out for

- **Saying p and h as two sounds** ("puh-huh-one"). Cover the h and say, "p and h are a team. Together they say f."
- **Mixing up ph and wh.** Both end in h. Ask, "What's the letter in front of the h?" A p means f.
- **Counting letters, not sounds,** in C. ph is two letters but one sound, so it gets one line, not two dots.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Sound team spotting:** on a walk or in a book, look for ph. Who can find one first?
- **Silly sentences:** make up a sentence together with ph words, like "The elephant took a photo of a dolphin."
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, wh makes the w sound, meets a new sound team.