

# Coventry Speech Screening Assessment

- This screening assessment only needs to be carried out with children where you have concerns regarding their speech sound production.
- YOU WILL NEED: record sheet, pen, copy of the pictures below (laminated if you wish to re – use) and a post-box (optional).
- The screen will need to be carried out with the individual child, in a quiet area / room. You will need to be able to hear the child clearly.
- Show the pictures to the child, one at a time, and ask them to name each one. If the child does not know what the object is the adult can model it for them e.g. 'is it a bird or a cow?' , or can you say the word if they are unsure. You can use a post box to complete this activity to make it more fun for the child.
- Listen carefully to what the child says. You are listening for the sounds that are written in capital letters and highlighted in bold on the record sheet.
- Place a tick or a cross beside each sound to indicate whether the child has said it correctly or not. Please see example below:

Dog	✓ <b>D</b>	✓ <b>O</b>	<b>X G</b>
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If possible, where you have put an X, please write in the box the sound the child is using instead. Please see example below for a child producing "dog" as "dod":

Dog	✓ <b>D</b>	✓ <b>O</b>	<b>X G D</b>
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Please complete the full screen and if you have concerns send it with your completed referral form to the Speech and Language Therapy service. A therapist will then check the referral and screening assessment to see if support from Speech Therapy is indicated. Remember: it is not unusual for children to make some errors with their speech sounds until the age of 6 years. Some children may not yet need a referral to the service. Please check any errors on your assessment against the "speech – what to expect and when" leaflet which is under the 'speech' section on our website, [www.coventrychildrenslt.co.uk](http://www.coventrychildrenslt.co.uk)