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## Identify what students can do

Tom Nicholson explains how using the alien words test ([Appendix A.9a: Decoding and A.9b pp 50–53](#)) enables you to identify exactly which sounds a learner can decode and provides a place to begin teaching from.



Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/qPuGh-knrag>

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