Module Three: Part 2

d) Within-school assessment

To consider what type of tests and assessments are most fit-for-purpose in schools

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• What type of assessment and testing is most fit-for-purpose?

 Detailed information needed for analysis of learning and difficulties, and formative provision

 Ongoing assessment which fully engages the learners

 Periodic formal (but simple) assessment for monitoring, record-keeping and planning

For example, focused on:

- 1. alphabetic code knowledge
- 2. 3 phonics core skills and *sub*-skills
- 3. cumulative word, sentence, text-level

Prior to formal assessment of comprehension of reading material

School's ongoing phonics assessment should be based on the specific core (main) phonics programme's content - the same order of introducing letter/ssound correspondences formally

Within-school testing

Standardised reading/spelling tests:

Where the school has established standardised tests, maintain the use of these for year-on-year results