

# Phonics

## Using phonics

Wordshark can provide a phonic approach to the majority of word lists in **all courses** (apart from the *Secondary subject lists* and the *Alphabet and dictionary course*).

Tick the **Use phonics** box:

- A dot is placed under each letter representing a single sound, and a dash under two or more letters which represent a single sound
- Click on a word to hear it spoken – first it will give the single sounds (phonemes), followed by the whole syllable/whole word
- Most games will use phonics, but a few whole-word games will still be included

**Phonics is the default** for the courses **Letters and Sounds** and for **Brief Phonics**. For all other courses you need to tick the phonics box when available.

### Headphones

The use of headphones is recommended for phonic work once the student is confident in how to play the games.

