

Sound-Blending Word Lists

Ready-made lists, easiest to hardest, for nightly blending practice.

Blending is pushing sounds together into a word. Point under each letter, say each sound, then sweep your finger and say the whole word.

Step 1 — Two and three sounds (CVC)

Set	Words
Short a	at, am, an, cat, hat, map, bag, sad, ran, jam
Short i	it, in, sit, pin, big, him, lid, rip, dig, fix
Short o	on, ox, hot, dog, top, mop, job, rock, box, sock
Short u	up, us, cup, bug, run, sun, mud, tub, nut, jump
Short e	red, bed, pen, ten, leg, net, wet, jet, hen, best

Step 2 — Blends and digraphs

Set	Words
Beginning blends	stop, flag, crab, drum, spin, grin, plan, trip, sled, swim
Ending blends	hand, jump, milk, nest, fast, lamp, sink, belt, gift, cold
Digraphs	ship, chin, that, when, thick, shed, chop, path, with, rush

Step 3 — Long vowels and vowel teams

Set	Words
Silent e	cake, bike, home, cute, note, ride, name, hope, five, tape
ai / ay	rain, train, paid, sail, play, stay, tray, gray, today, away
ee / ea	feet, tree, green, sleep, read, beach, dream, clean, teach, seat
oa / ow	boat, coat, road, soap, snow, grow, show, slow, throw, yellow

Set	Words
oo / ou / ow	book, moon, food, out, loud, found, cow, down, brown, house

Nightly routine (5 minutes)

Read 10 words from the step your child is working on. Reread yesterday's 10 first — speed on old words matters more than adding new ones.