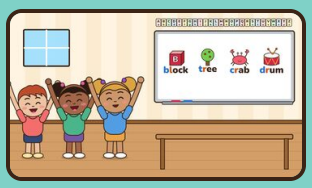
HAKILLO KIDS · TEACHER GUIDE · VIRGINIA SOL EDITION · LANGUAGE ARTS · GRADE 1 · LESSON 2

Beginning Blends



VIRGINIA SOL (2024)
1.FFR.2.B, 1.FFR.3.A

VIDEO LENGTH
3:33 · Common Core edition also available

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1.FFR.2.B Demonstrate ability to blend words with four and five phonemes, including words with consonant digraphs (e.g., th, sh, ch, wh) and consonant blends (e.g., fr, st, bl).

1.FFR.3.A Decode and encode words with short vowels to include blends with digraphs, closed syllables (CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC).

Materials: Blend cards, picture cards (star, snake, frog, flag, block, tree, crab, drum), letter tiles.

Students will

- Know that in a blend we hear both sounds.
- Read words with beginning blends (st, sn, fr, fl, bl, tr, cr, dr).
- Name the two letters that start a blend word.
- Add a letter to make a blend (top → stop).

Key words

blend	two consonants together where we hear both sounds
digraph (letter buddies)	two letters that make one new sound
s blend	st, sn, sp …
r and l blends	fr, cr, dr, tr; fl, bl, cl

Before the video 2 minutes

Say “s...tar” slowly. Ask: “How many sounds do you hear at the start of star?”

What happens in the video

0:00	Welcome and today's goal: beginning blends
0:20	Blends: two letters, two sounds
0:36	S blends: star, snake
0:51	F blends: frog, flag
1:05	More blends: block, tree, crab, drum
1:18	Making blends: top → stop, nap → snap
1:36	Spot the mistake: f-r-o-g is frog, not fog
1:56	Your turn! Students answer during each pause (see below)
3:12	Recap and goodbye

Spot the mistake at 1:36

> **Sam:** I can read this one! Fog!
> **Ivy:** Hmm... look again. Is there an R after the F?
> **Mia:** Yes! F and R make a blend. Fff, rog. Frog! We hear both sounds.
> **Sam:** Oops! I forgot the R. Frog!

- Ask: “Is there an r after the f?” (Yes.)
- Tap each sound: f-r-o-g.
- Compare fog and frog side by side.

Your-turn pauses students answer out loud, then the characters give the answer

TIME	QUESTION	ANSWER IN THE VIDEO
1:57	What two letters start the word star?	S T! Sss, tar. Star.
2:10	What two letters start the word flag?	F L! Fff, lag. Flag.
2:23	What two letters start the word crab?	C R! Crab.
2:35	What two letters start the word snake?	S N! Sss, nake. Snake.
2:48	What two letters start the word drum?	D R! Drum.
2:59	What two letters start the word frog?	F R! Fff, rog. Frog.

Tip: pause the video a little longer on any question your class finds hard, and ask a student to explain how they know.

After the video: talk about it

1. How is a blend different from letter buddies?
2. Name a word that starts with tr.
3. Add s to the front of lip. What word is it?

Go further

Blend wheel: students spin a wheel of blends (st, fr, bl, cr) and write words with each.

Answer key for the practice page

1. st
2. fl
3. cr
4. stop
5. snap
6. For example: drum, dress, drip.

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. **What two letters start star?**

   Answer: _____

2. **What two letters start flag?**

   Answer: _____

3. **What two letters start crab?**

   Answer: _____

4. **Add s to top. New word?**

   Answer: _____

5. **Add s to nap. New word?**

   Answer: _____

6. **Draw and label a word that starts with dr.**

   Answer: _____

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