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Three-Letter Blends



COMMON CORE
RF.1.2.b, RF.2.3

VIDEO LENGTH
3:34 · Virginia SOL edition also available

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RF.1.2.b Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
RF.2.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

Materials: Blend cards (str, spl, spr, scr), picture cards (string, straw, splash, spring, scrub), letter tiles.

Students will

- Hear all three sounds in a three-letter blend.
- Read words with str, spl, spr and scr.
- Name the three letters that start a blend word.
- Add s to a two-letter blend to make a new word (cream → scream).

Key words

blend	consonants together where we hear each sound
three-letter blend	str, spl, spr, scr
sound	what we hear
letter	what we see and write

Before the video 2 minutes

Say “s-t-r-ing” slowly. Ask: “How many sounds do you hear before the vowel?”

What happens in the video

0:00	Welcome to second grade and today's goal: three-letter blends
0:21	Three letters, three sounds: string
0:37	str: string, straw
0:49	spl, spr: splash, spring
1:01	scr: scrub
1:13	Making blends: cream → scream, trap → strap
1:33	Spot the mistake: s-t-r is string, not sting
1:53	Your turn! Students answer during each pause (see below)
3:12	Recap and goodbye

Spot the mistake at 1:33

> **Sam:** I can read this one! Sting!
> **Ivy:** Hmm... look again. What letter comes after the T?
> **Mia:** An R! S, T, R. Sss, tring. String! We hear all three sounds.
> **Sam:** Oops! I forgot the R. String!

- Ask: “What letter comes after the t?” (r.)
- Tap three sounds: s-t-r.
- Compare sting and string.

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

TIME	QUESTION	ANSWER IN THE VIDEO
1:54	What three letters start the word splash?	S P L! Sss, plash. Splash.
2:07	What three letters start the word straw?	S T R! Sss, traw. Straw.
2:20	What three letters start the word scrub?	S C R! Sss, crub. Scrub.
2:34	What three letters start the word spring?	S P R! Sss, pring. Spring.
2:47	What three letters start the word strawberry?	S T R! Strawberry.
3:00	What three letters start the word string?	S T R! Sss, tring. String.

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. Name a word that starts with spl.
2. Add s to crew. What word do you get?
3. Why do we need to read every letter in a blend?

Go further

Blend ladder: students change one part at a time (strap → straw → stray → spray) and record each word.

Answer key for the practice page

1. spl
2. str
3. scr
4. scream
5. strap
6. For example: spring, spray, sprout.

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. **What three letters start splash?**

   Answer: _____

2. **What three letters start straw?**

   Answer: _____

3. **What three letters start scrub?**

   Answer: _____

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

   Answer: _____

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

   Answer: _____

6. **Write and draw a word that starts with spr.**

   Answer: _____

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