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Three-Letter Blends



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

VIDEO LENGTH
3:34 · Common Core edition also available

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

2.FFR.3.A Decode and encode words with short vowels to include blends, digraphs, and trigraphs in closed syllables (CVC, CCVC, CVCC, CCVCC, and CCVCCC) and open syllables (CV, CCV).

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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