

# Blends - words and pictures

*A blend is where two or three consonants are written together and keep their individual sounds when spoken.*



How to use this book. Ideas for teachers and parents:

Make sure that single-letter sounds in the *Vowels* and *Consonants* books are very secure and have an automatic response before embarking on this book. Work through each blend with good tongue placement, exaggerated mouth movements and speech clarity.

Slow and steady is better than rushing because it gives more time for your learners to hear each sound and manipulate the mouth shape to enunciate changes with ease. Punctuation mark observance and vocal expression need full attention as well.

Use this book for reading, spelling, comprehension, vocabulary, oral language, speech clarity, creative improvisations, in-depth discussions, English usage, grammar, learning language protocols, active listening, and - the often-forgotten general knowledge.

NOTE: The digraphs *sh*, *th* and *qu* are included in this book (with another letter) because they are so commonly seen together.

dr

dragon



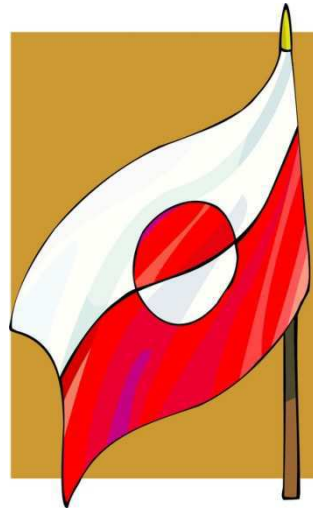
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frog



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flag



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glue



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grapes



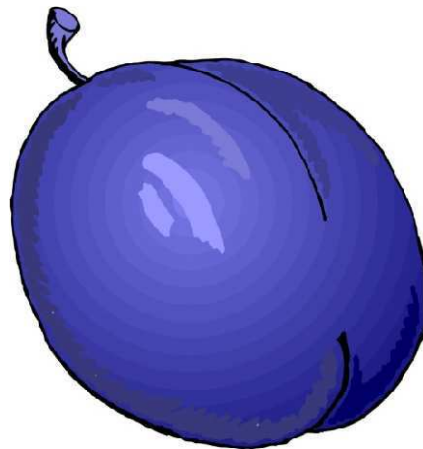
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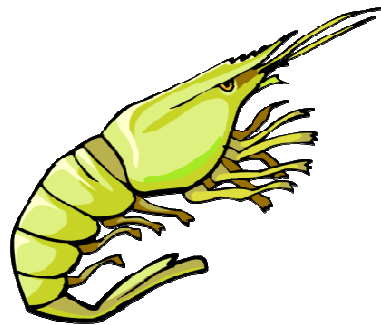
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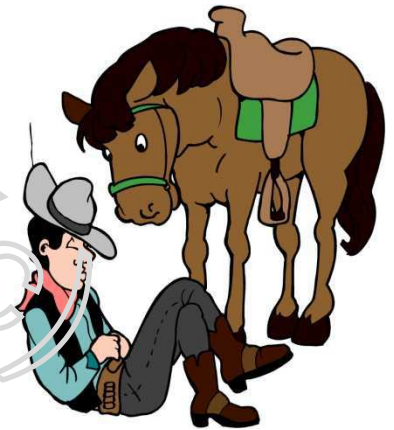
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(sh is a digraph but is included here as a discussion topic)



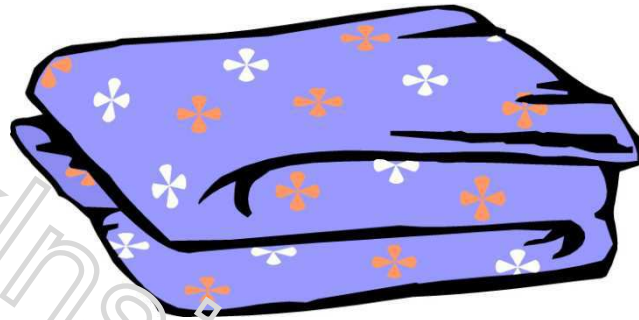
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sleep



bl

blanket



Blake liked his new  
blue blanket.

br

broom



'This is my best  
brown broom,' said  
Brenda.

cl

clown



Clarry the Clown  
clapped his hands.

cr

crown



This crown is fit for  
a king!



cl

clown



Clarry the Clever Clown  
climbed up high to show  
Clancy Clown his new suit.



cr

crown



After we made a crown in  
Craft, Craig and I wrote a  
play script about a cruel  
king's secret crest.



dr

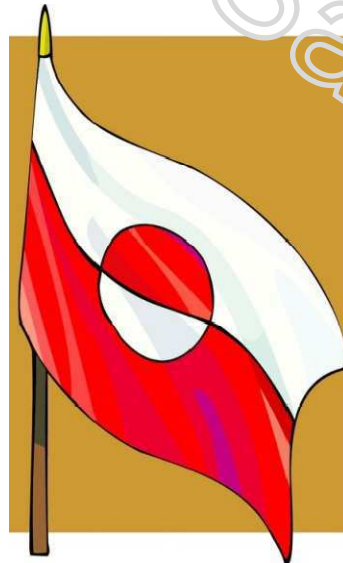
dragon



'Don't **drop** the **dragon** or let his tail **drag** along the ground!' called out our **drama** coach.

fl

flag



The **flag** of Greenland **flapped** and **fluttered** as it **flew** from its tall **flagpole**.  
The white symbolises pack ice and the red represents both the rising and setting sun.  
Every **flag** tells a story!