

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with common orthographic patterns and rules, including spelling words with beginning and ending consonant blends"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A blend is two or three letters whose sounds you can still hear, like bl, dr, st, and lt.

Unlike a digraph, I hear each letter in a blend.

blew begins with bl, and felt ends with lt.

THE SPELLING RULE**Beginning and Ending Blends**

best blew drew felt glad

WHERE THEY APPEAR: "The sun felt warm on Beth's face."

This deck teaches **Beginning and Ending Blends** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the blend."

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Notice the blend.

Find the letters that blend together.

blew = bl + ew

I CAN I can notice a blend, letters whose sounds I can hear.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose the word with the correct blend."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling begins with the bl blend?

blew • bew • blu

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a passage word."

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Show the rule.

Fill in the blend for this word from the reading.

___ ad = _____ (use gl)

I CAN I can spell a passage word with a blend.



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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Fill in the blend for this new word on your own.

___ og = _____ (use fr)

I CAN I can spell a new blend word on my own.



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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain why blew begins with bl, then spell one blend word of your own.

"Then the whistle blew."

I CAN I can explain a blend and use the word in my own writing.



Your turn to spell.

On your tracking sheet, add the blend to each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

___ op (st) → _____ an (pl) → _____ ha ___ (nd) → _____ ju ___
(mp) → _____ og (fr) → _____

I CAN I can spell words with blends on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

blew = bl + ew. I can hear both the b and the l.

CHOOSE

blew is correct. It begins with the bl blend.

SHOW

gl + ad = glad.

OWN

fr + og = frog.

DEFEND

blew begins with the blend bl, and I hear both letters; a correct student word might be stop, plan, or jump.

YOUR TURN

stop, plan, hand, jump, frog

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW • Test-Style Question

TEKS (3.2)(B) • BEGINNING AND ENDING BLENDS

SHEET 2 of 36

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READ THIS SENTENCE.

Then the whistle _____ and recess was over.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A blew

B bew

C blu

D blue

The answer is **A**.

A **blew** · Correct. It begins with the bl blend.

B **bew** · Leaves out the l in the bl blend.

C **blu** · Leaves off the ending sound of the word.

D **blue** · This sounds the same but is a color.