



Introduction

Congratulations on taking the first step to becoming a proficient reader! In this welcome pack, we will explore the exciting world of blending sounds to read simple words and sentences.

This essential skill is the foundation of reading, and with practice and dedication, you will become a confident reader.

What is Blending Sounds?

Blending sounds is the process of combining individual sounds to form words. It's like building with blocks, where each block represents a sound.

For example, the sounds /c/, /a/, and /t/ can be blended together to form the word "cat".

Why is Blending Sounds Important?

Blending sounds is crucial for reading because it helps us decode words and understand their meaning.

When we can blend sounds, we can read with accuracy, fluency, and expression. It's like unlocking a secret code that allows us to access a world of knowledge and imagination!

Let's Get Started!

In this welcome pack, we will explore various activities and exercises to help you master the skill of blending sounds.

We will start with simple words and gradually move on to more complex sentences. Don't worry if you find it challenging at first – with practice, you will become more confident and proficient.

Activity 1: Sound Sorting

Sort the following words into categories based on their initial sound:

- cat
- dog
- sun
- hat
- mom

Activity 2: Word Building

Use the following letters to build simple words:

- c
- a
- t
- d
- o
- g

Activity 3: Sentence Reading

Read the following sentence:

"The cat is sleeping."

Activity 4: Phonics Bingo

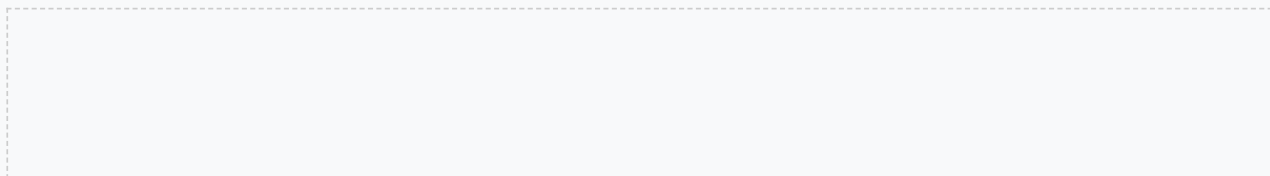
Play a game of phonics bingo using the following words:

- cat
- dog
- sun
- hat
- mom

Activity 5: Word Search

Find and circle the following words in the word search puzzle:

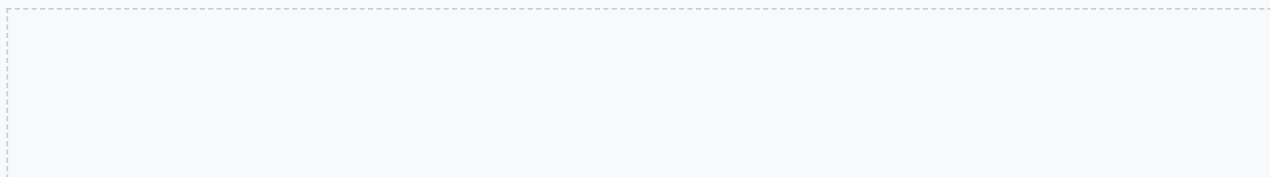
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Activity 6: Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage:

"The cat is sleeping on the mat. The dog is barking loudly."



Activity 7: Creative Writing

Write a short story using the following words:

- cat
- dog
- sun
- hat
- mom

Activity 8: Sound Blending Challenge

Can you blend the following sounds to form a word:

- /c/ /a/ /t/
- /d/ /o/ /g/
- /s/ /u/ /n/

Activity 9: Word Family Fun

Identify the word family for the following words:

- cat
- hat
- mat
- sat

Activity 10: Reading Fluency

Read the following passage with fluency and expression:

"The sun is shining brightly in the sky. The cat is sleeping peacefully on the mat."

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the welcome pack! You have taken the first step towards mastering the skill of blending sounds to read simple words and sentences.

Keep practicing, and soon you will be reading with confidence and fluency. Happy reading!

Appendix

Additional resources and support:

- Phonics worksheets
- Word building activities
- Reading games and puzzles
- Online resources and apps

