God's Consonant Blends That Appear at the Middle and End of Words

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Psalm 115:1

"Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness." (NIV)

Whenever you sound out a word, all of the letters blend together to make a word. Right? So why do you need to learn Consonant Blends?

The answer: When you learn these __common__ Consonant Blends and recognize them on sight, your reading becomes more fluent.

A Consonant Blend is a group of 2 or 3 letters that blend together in a word, yet each of the sounds are heard.

Some Consonants that you see together are a Consonant Blend, meaning every letter sound is heard, but they blend together.

Some are digraphs. "Di" meaning 2 and "graph" meaning written so, digraph means 2 written letters that make 1 sound.

For example, "LM" can be a Consonant Blend in words like: film, elm, and helm. You can hear both the L "l" and the M "m" in those words, yet they blend together. 2 letters are written and 2 letters are heard.

The letters LM can also be a digraph in words like: balm, palm, and calm. In those words you do not hear the letter "l" even though it's seen – you only hear the letter "m" When you hear only 1 sound when 2 letters are written - it is a digraph.

Consonant Blends can appear at the <u>beginning</u>, <u>middle</u>, or <u>end</u> of a word.

A Consonant Blend appears at the <u>beginning</u> of the words: <u>sk</u>ill, <u>str</u>ing, and <u>sp</u>ell.

A Consonant Blend appears in the <u>middle</u> of the words:
ex<u>pl</u>ain, ex<u>tr</u>a, and ab<u>str</u>act.

A Consonant Blend appears at the <u>end</u> of the words: bri<u>sk</u>, la<u>st</u>, and gra<u>sp</u>.

In this lesson, we will only be looking at different Blends that appear at the middle and end of a word. You may already be familiar with these words, because of holding conversations with people. I don't expect you to be able to read the words yet. I just want you to LOOK for the Blend within each word

and LISTEN for the sounds of each Blend in each word.

Blends that are found at the end and middle of words are difficult to hear and say when separated by the vowels that appear in front of them. So, this lesson uses each vowel in front of the blend, so that you can hear how it sounds in words in which they appear. Remember, the main vowels are:

a,e,i,o, and u.

Vowels have different sounds which can include a short and long sound.

Those sounds in a pronunciation dictionary have symbols associated with them. The symbol for a <u>short</u> <u>vowel sound</u> is ˘ above the vowel. The symbol for a <u>long vowel sound</u> is ˉ above the vowel. There ARE other vowel sounds, but the many symbols will just confuse you. It's best just to learn the different vowel sounds by listening to the words and where they apply.

One way you can remember the meaning behind the symbols is to think of measurement. If you wanted to show someone with your fingers that something was short you would *go* like this:
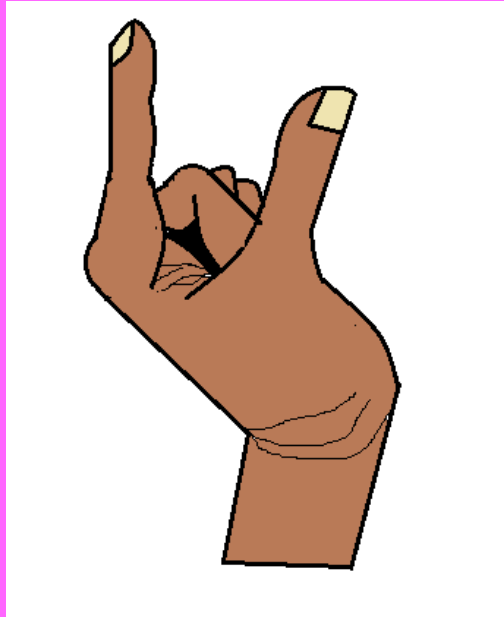
It looks like measuring a short amount. The short vowel symbol curves like 2

fingers measuring a short amount.

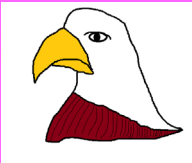The Long vowel symbol looks like a straight longer line above the vowel. ↗ ‾

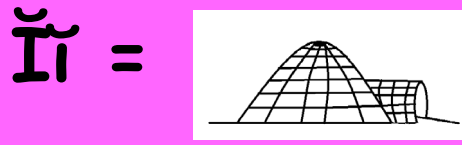We will use these symbols on the next slide.

Here are the vowels using the short and long sound symbols and a picture showing the beginning sound they make.
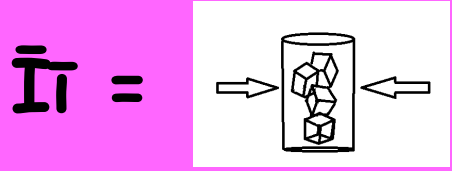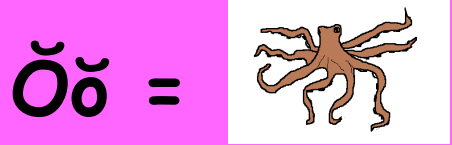
Ăă =   apple.

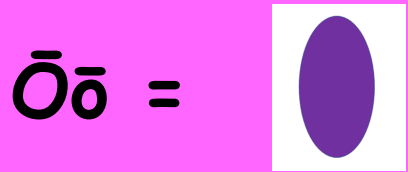Āā =   April.

Ĕĕ =   eggs.

Ēē =   eagle.
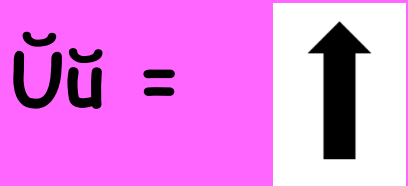
Ĭĭ =   **i**gloo.

Īī =   **i**ce.

Ŏŏ =   **O**ctopus.
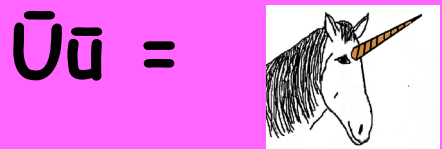
Ōō =   **o**val.

Ŭŭ =   **u**p.
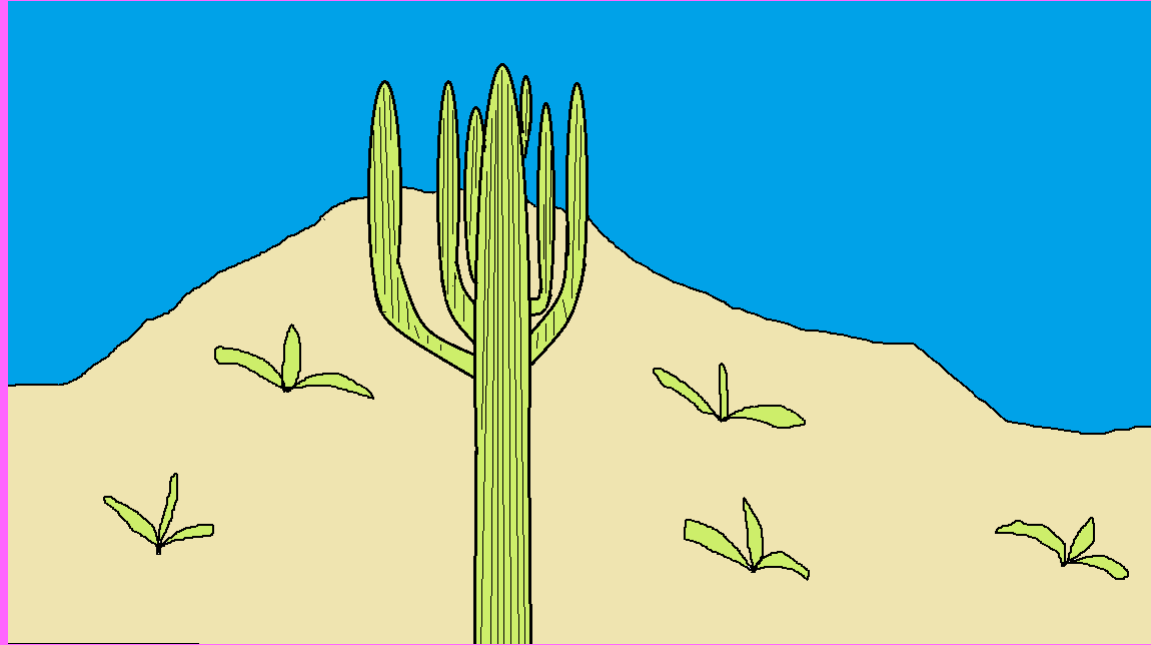
Ūū =   **U**nicorn.

The CT blend as in ca<u>ct</u>us makes the sounds "C" and "T" as in ca<u>ct</u>us.

ca<u>ct</u>us

A vowel placed in front of the CT blend makes a word family. Listen to how the CT blend sounds in these words.

act	ect	ict	oct	uct
fact	sect	evict	concoct	duct
pact	eject	strict	doctor	deduct
bacteria	electrician	predict	October	conductor

act	fact	pact	bacteria
ect	sect	eject	electrician
ict	evict	strict	predict
oct	concoct	doctor	October
uct	duct	deduct	conductor

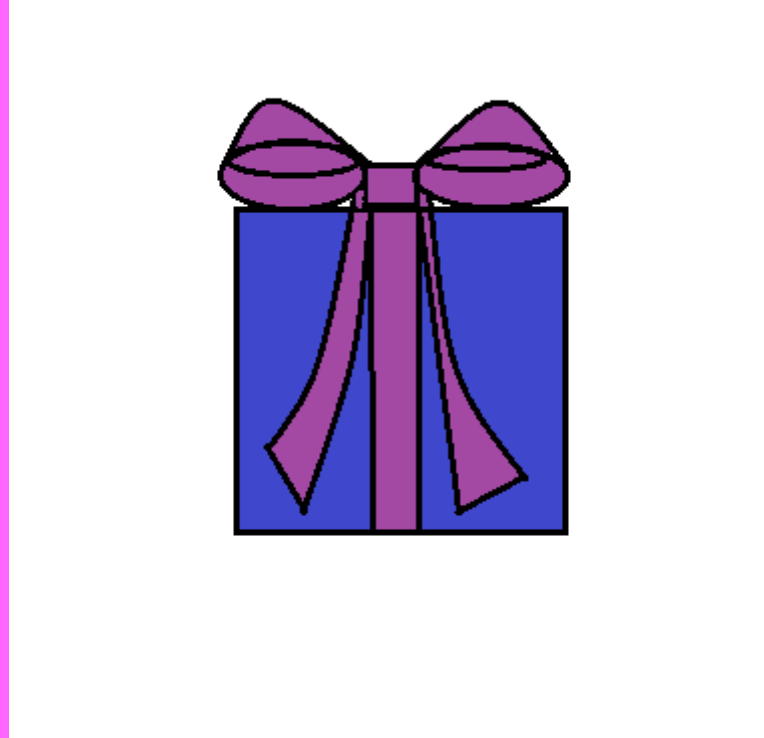The FT blend as in gi<u>ft</u> makes the sounds "F" and "T" as in gi<u>ft</u>.

gi<u>ft</u>

A vowel placed in front of the FT blend makes a word family. Listen to how the FT blend sounds in these words.

a<u>ft</u>	e<u>ft</u>	i<u>ft</u>	o<u>ft</u>	<u>uft</u>
ra<u>ft</u>	le<u>ft</u>	li<u>ft</u>	lo<u>ft</u>	<u>tuft</u>
gra<u>ft</u>	the<u>ft</u>	si<u>ft</u>	so<u>ft</u>	tu<u>ft</u>ed
cra<u>ft</u>y	cle<u>ft</u>	swi<u>ft</u>ly	so<u>ft</u>ly	

The LD blend as in yie<u>ld</u> makes the sounds "L" and "D" as in
yie<u>ld</u>.
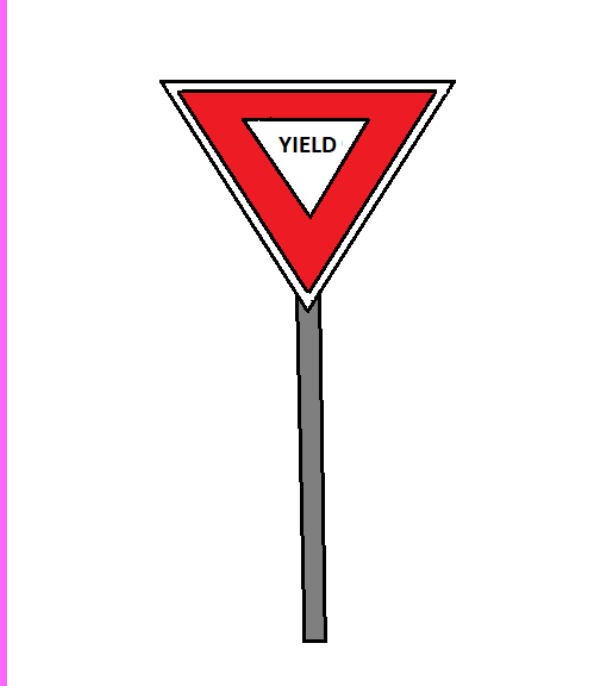
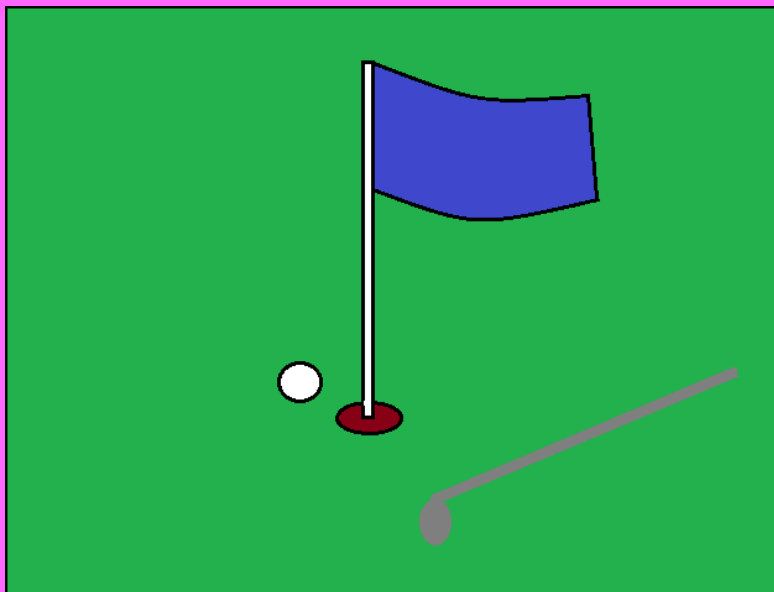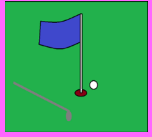

yield

A vowel placed in front of the LD blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LD blend sounds in these words.

a<u>ld</u>	e<u>ld</u>	ĭ<u>ld</u>	ī<u>ld</u>	o<u>ld</u>	u<u>ld</u>
ba<u>ld</u>	he<u>ld</u>	bui<u>ld</u>	chi<u>ld</u>	bo<u>ld</u>	
sca<u>ld</u>	me<u>ld</u>	gui<u>ld</u>	mi<u>ld</u>	co<u>ld</u>	
	we<u>ld</u>			fo<u>ld</u>	

The LF blend as in go**lf** makes the sounds "L" and "F" as in go**lf**.

go**lf**

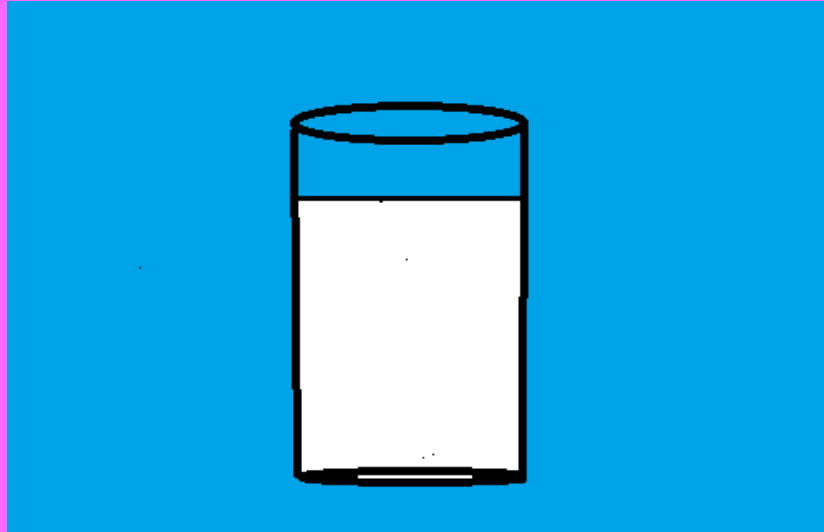**A vowel placed in the front of the LF blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LF blend sounds in these words.**

a<u>lf</u>	e<u>lf</u>	i<u>lf</u>	o<u>lf</u>	o<u>lf</u>	u<u>lf</u>
a<u>lf</u>alfa	se<u>lf</u>	pi<u>lf</u>er	go<u>lf</u>	wo<u>lf</u>	gu<u>lf</u>
	she<u>lf</u>				engu<u>lf</u>

The LK blend as in mi<u>lk</u> makes the sounds "L" and "K" as in mi<u>lk</u>.
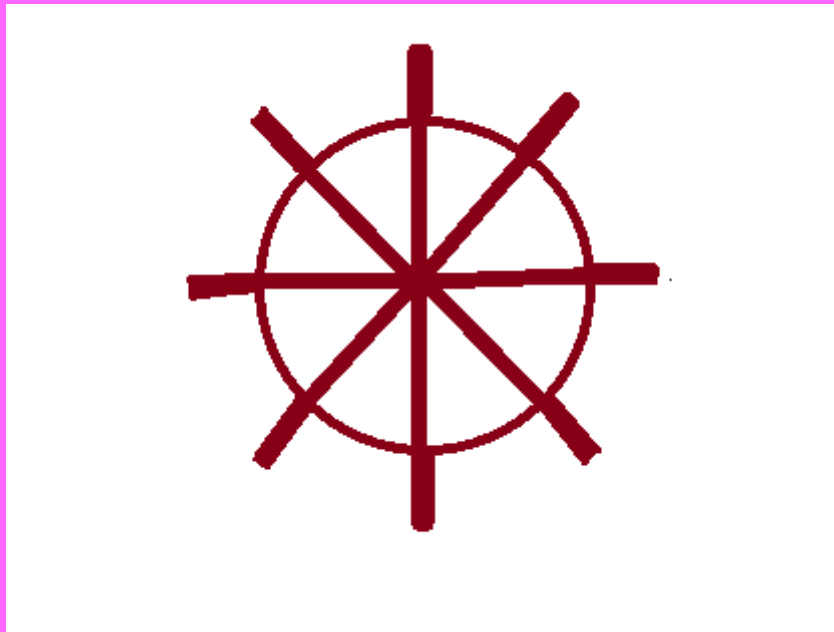

milk

A vowel placed in front of the LK blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LK blend sounds in these words.

alk	elk	ilk	olk	ulk
alkaline	elk	milk	folk	sulk
		bilk	polka	hulk
		silk		bulk

The LM blend as in he<u>lm</u> makes the sounds "L" and "M" as in he<u>lm</u>.
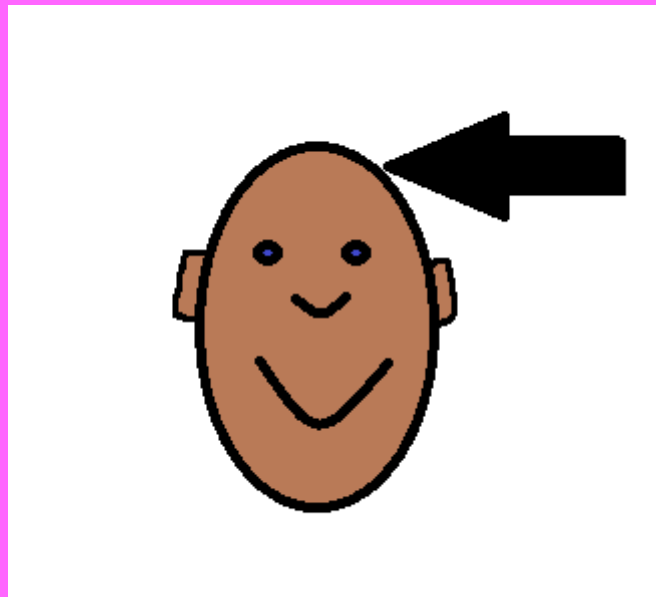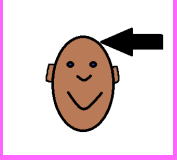

he<u>lm</u>

A vowel placed in front of the LM blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LM blend sounds in these words.

alm	elm	ilm	olm	ulm
	helm	film	olms	pulmonary
	overwhelm			

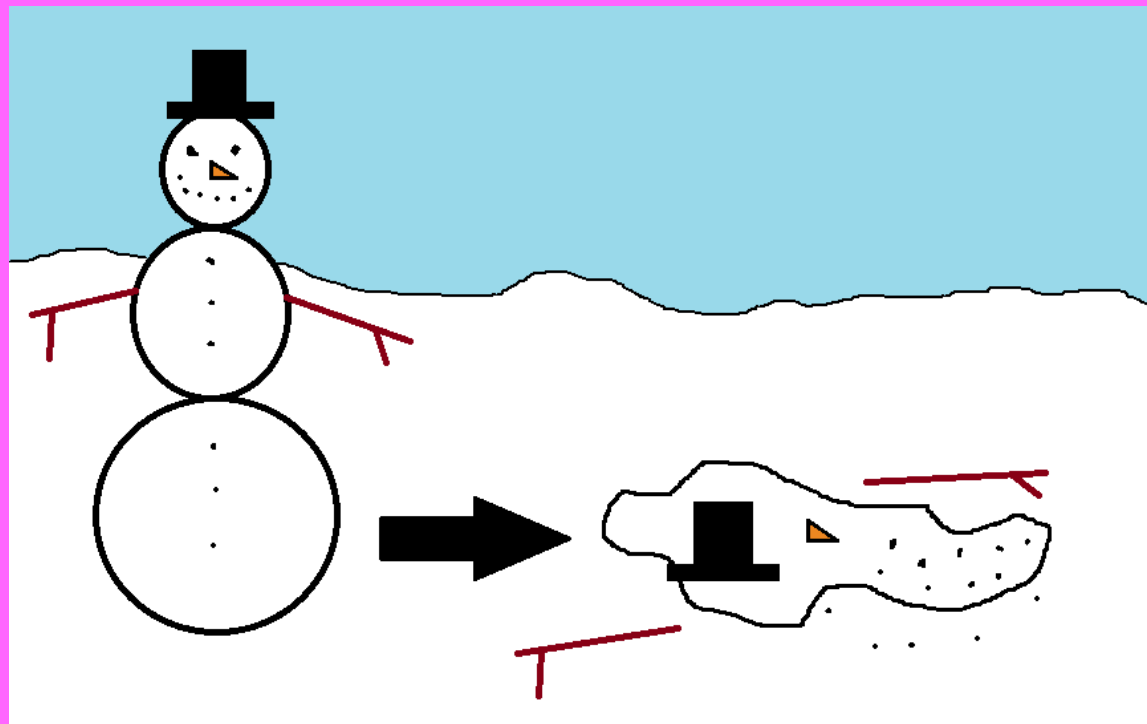The LP blend as in scal<u>p</u> makes the sounds "L" and "P" as in scal<u>p</u>.

scal<u>p</u>

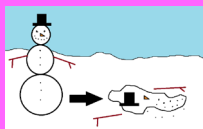A vowel placed in front of the LP blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LP blend sounds in these words.

alp	elp	ilp	olp	ulp
alps	help			gulp
scalp	kelp			sculpt
	whelp			pulp

The LT blend as in me<u>lt</u> makes the sounds "L and T" as in me<u>lt</u>.

me<u>lt</u>

A vowel placed in front of the LT blend makes a word family. Listen to how the LT blend sounds in these words.

a**lt**	e**lt**	i**lt**	o**lt**	u**lt**
ba**lt**ic	be**lt**	hi**lt**	bo**lt**	cu**lt**
ha**lt**	ce**lt**ic	li**lt**	colt	u**lt**ra
ma**lt**	fe**lt**	silt	jo**lt**	insu**lt**
sa**lt**	kne**lt**	ti**lt**	vo**lt**	adu**lt**

The MP blend as in sta<u>mp</u> makes the sounds "M" and "P" as in sta<u>mp</u>.

John Doe

Jane Smith
Glad to here from you Drive
Johnstown, Florida
67589
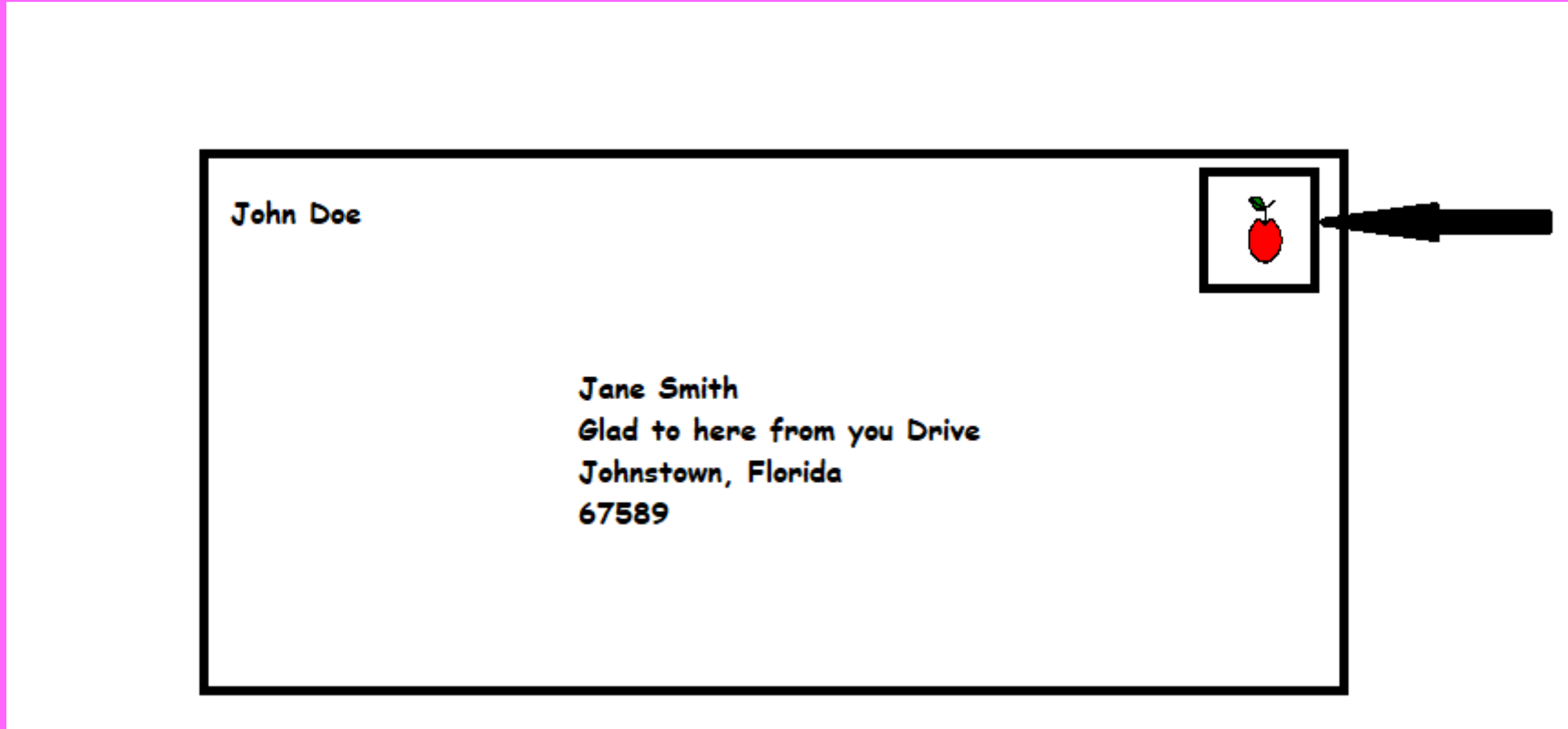
sta<u>mp</u>
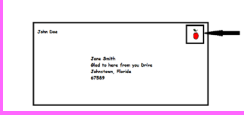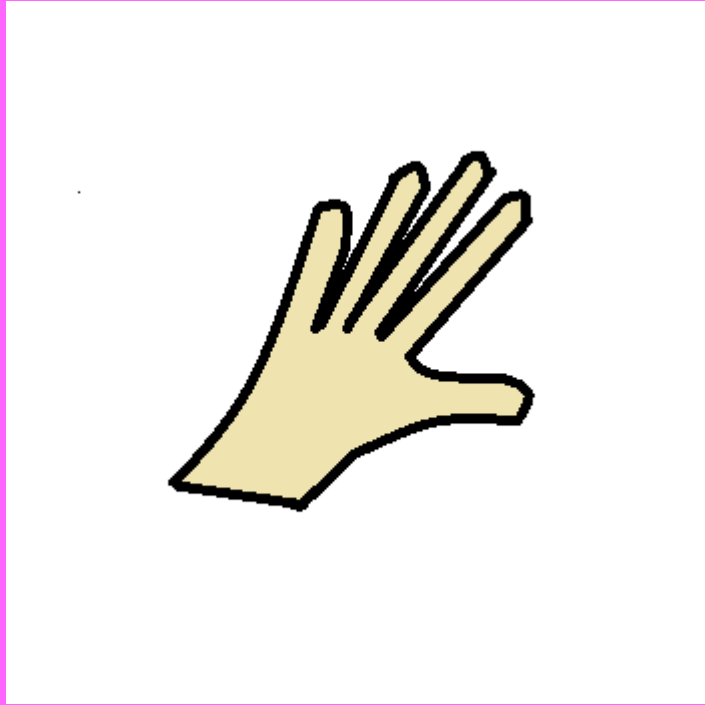
A vowel placed in front of the MP blend makes a word family. Listen to how the MP blend sounds in these words.

a<u>mp</u>	e<u>mp</u>	i<u>mp</u>	o<u>mp</u>	u<u>mp</u>
ca<u>mp</u>	e<u>mp</u>ty	bli<u>mp</u>	sto<u>mp</u>	bu<u>mp</u>
da<u>mp</u>	he<u>mp</u>	si<u>mp</u>le	ro<u>mp</u>	du<u>mp</u>
la<u>mp</u>	te<u>mp</u>t	pi<u>mp</u>le	pro<u>mp</u>t	pu<u>mp</u>
ra<u>mp</u>	unke<u>mp</u>t	shri<u>mp</u>		stu<u>mp</u>

The ND blend as in ha<u>nd</u> makes the sounds "N" and "D" as in ha<u>nd</u>.
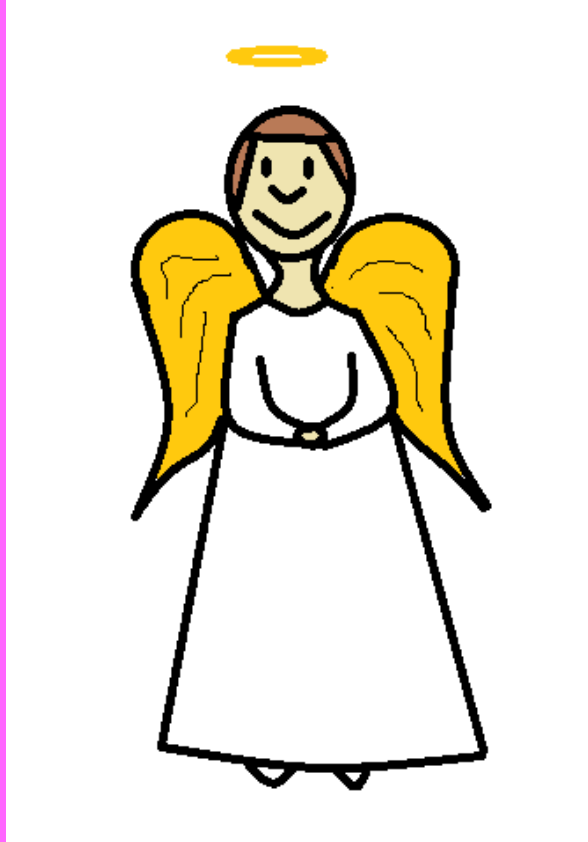

ha<u>nd</u>
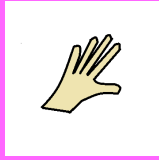
A vowel placed in front of the ND blend makes a word family. Listen to how the ND blend sounds in these words.

and	end	ĭnd	īnd	ond	und
band	bend	cinder	bind	bond	fund
dandy	fend	hinder	find	fond	under
gland	lend	tinder	grind	pond	asunder
land	mend		kind		

The NG blend as in a<u>ng</u>el makes the sounds "N" and Soft "G" as in a<u>ng</u>el.
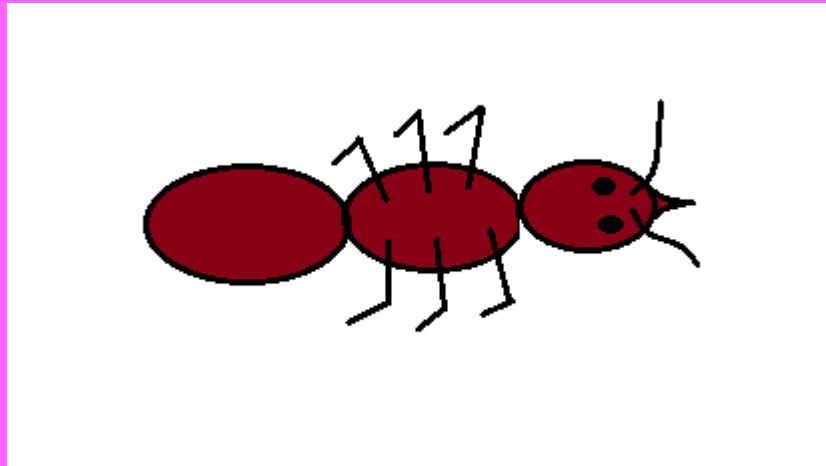

a<u>ng</u>el

A vowel placed in front of the NG blend makes a word family. Listen to how the NG blend sounds in these words.

a<u>ng</u>	e<u>ng</u>	i<u>ng</u>	o<u>ng</u>	u<u>ng</u>
da<u>ng</u>er	e<u>ng</u>ine	hi<u>ng</u>e	spo<u>ng</u>e	lu<u>ng</u>e
arra<u>ng</u>e	e<u>ng</u>ineer	bi<u>ng</u>e		plu<u>ng</u>e
cha<u>ng</u>e		si<u>ng</u>e		du<u>ng</u>eon

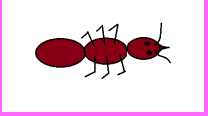The NT blend as in a<u>nt</u> makes the sounds "N" and "T" as in a<u>nt</u>.
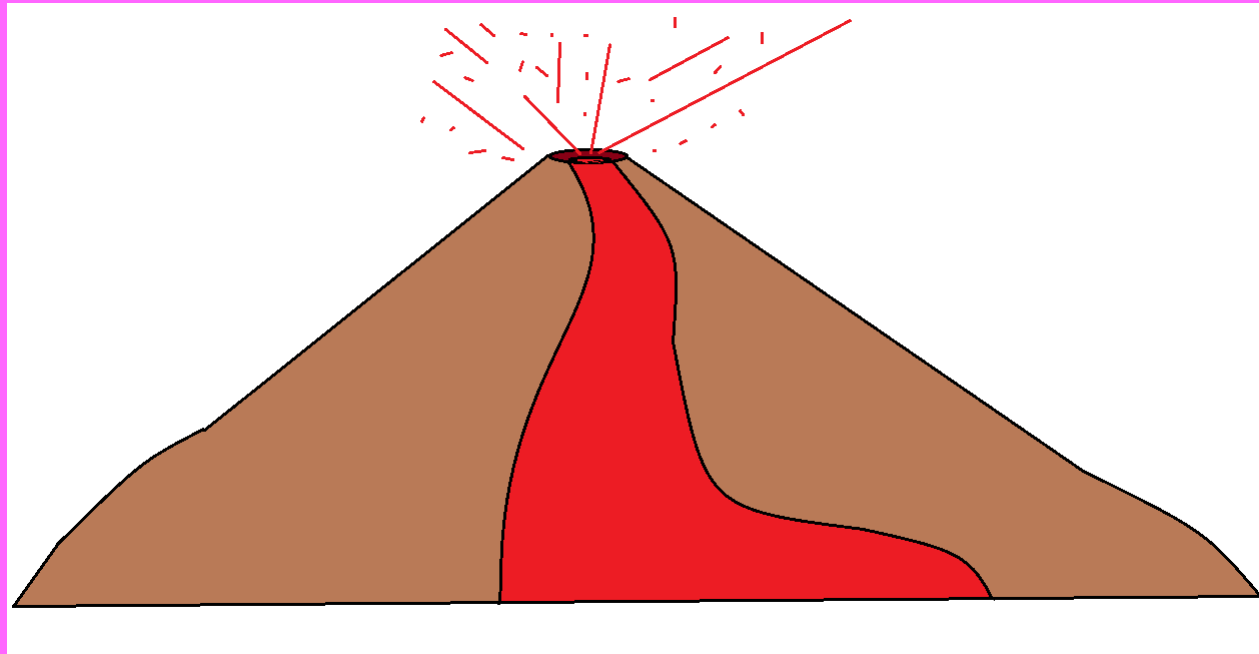

a<u>nt</u>

A vowel placed in front of the NT blend makes a word family. Listen to how the NT blend sounds in these words.

ă<u>nt</u>	a<u>nt</u>	e<u>nt</u>	i<u>nt</u>	o<u>nt</u>	u<u>nt</u>
reca<u>nt</u>	wa<u>nt</u>	be<u>nt</u>	hi<u>nt</u>	fo<u>nt</u>	bu<u>nt</u>
ra<u>nt</u>		ce<u>nt</u>	li<u>nt</u>	Mo<u>nt</u>real	hu<u>nt</u>
		de<u>nt</u>	mi<u>nt</u>		ru<u>nt</u>
		ge<u>nt</u>	i<u>nt</u>ernal		stu<u>nt</u>

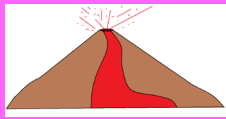The PT blend as in eru**pt** makes the sounds "P" and "T" as in
eru**pt**.

erup**t**

A vowel placed in front of the PT blend makes a word family. Listen to how the PT blend sounds in these words.

apt	ept	ipt	opt	upt
rapt	kept	script	adopt	abrupt
aptitude	slept	elliptic	optical	corrupt
	swept	transcript		disrupt
	wept			bankrupt

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus the Christ,
I've made so many mistakes I must confess.
I repent of them now and turn from them.
I no longer want that mess.

Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God
and believe in your resurrection.
I want to be a child of God
and receive your love and affection.

Lord Jesus the Christ, be my Savior.
Come into my heart.
Cleanse me now of all unrighteousness
and give me a brand-new start.

I ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit
and the baptism by Holy fire too.
I WANT to be changed and to do the RIGHT things
I need help from you.

Please help me to read, write, and do my math.
I want to start learning today.
I want my life to take a turn
and start in a whole new way.

Thank you Lord Jesus for helping me to learn.
I KNOW you can help make my ability,
greater than anyone ever imagined
and bring back my self-respect and dignity.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ.
I say "Amen" and make it sure.
Now I'll start learning the RIGHT way.
I KNOW Lord Jesus, YOU are the door.
AMEN!

Now, get a Bible and be baptized by immersion.
There are more things for you to learn.
You've now been washed white as snow,
to your sins do not return.

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