

Information for Teachers

The Pig Family Blends Series

This series was written to give an easy introduction to the blending of consonants at the beginning and end of words containing the vowels 'a e i o u' only. Teachers told me that the jump between the Red CVC Series and the Consonants, Blends and Clusters Series was too great. These books were developed to be both repetitive and to contain no new tricky words or vowel digraphs.

Titles in the Pig Family Blends Series

1	<i>Ants on the Path</i>
2	<i>Flat in the Mud</i>
3	<i>Traps in the Grass</i>
4	<i>Steps up the Hill</i>
5	<i>Can They Swim?</i>
6	<i>The Tent</i>

The tables below show coverage of specific features in each book.

The ending 'ck'

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
duck	*					
chick	*					
peck	*					
stuck		*	*			
back		*	*		*	
crack			*			

Vowel digraphs

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
see	*		*	*	*	*
too		*			*	*

look	*	*	*	*	
play	*	*			
for	*	*			*
day		*			
down			*		*
over					*

Adjacent consonants at the beginning of each word

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
clip	*					
clop	*					
stand	*			*		
still	*					
plod	*					
frog	*					
play		*	*			
slid		*				
slip		*		*		
slop		*				
splat		*				
flat		*				
stuck		*	*			
plan		*				
flop		*				
plop		*				
grass		*	*		*	*
trap			*			
snaps			*			
grabs			*		*	
cracks			*			
steps				*		
trips				*		
skid				*		
stop				*		
swim				*	*	
glad					*	

Adjacent consonants at the end of each word

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
along	*	*				
ants	*					*
jumps	*			*	*	*
stand	*			*		
past	*					

gulp	*					
went		*				
long			*			
fast			*	*		
help			*			*
sends			*			
rest			*			
pond				*	*	
bank					*	
sinks					*	
bang					*	*
tent						*
bump						*

Tricky words

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
the	*	*	*	*	*	*
little	*			*		
no	*		*	*		*
to	*	*	*	*	*	*
they	*			*		*
are	*			*	*	*
you	*					
was		*				
he		*	*			
out		*	*		*	
go			*	*		*
she			*			*
all			*			*
one			*			
her			*			
into				*		
have				*		
come						*

Decodable high-frequency words

Word	1	2	3	4	5	6
a	*	*	*			*
an	*					
on	*	*	*		*	*
and	*	*	*	*	*	*
them	*		*		*	
dad	*	*	*			*

up	*			*	*	*
mum	*		*			*
in		*	*		*	*
had		*				
got		*				
his		*			*	
back		*	*		*	
went		*				
of		*	*	*	*	*
then		*	*			*
help			*			*
will			*			
it			*			*
get			*			
can				*	*	*
at				*	*	
is					*	
from					*	
with					*	
him					*	

The vocabulary used in each book is printed on the inside back cover.

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