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These Blend Phonics Decoding Cards are designed to facilitate student-decoding practice. The idea is to carefully practice decoding words from left to right until the decoding process is fully automated. When decoding is fully automated, student will have more attention to allocate to comprehension and reading pleasure. I run my finger rapidly across the bottom of the card from letter to letter to encourage good left to right Blend Phonics directionality.

These cards are not intended to be used as whole-word memorization flashcards. Faster decoding speeds should not be confused with sight-word memorization, which should be avoided at all costs because it creates whole-word dyslexia (guessing from word configuration and context).

Be sure to teach Mr. Potter’s Secret of Reading: “Look at all the letters the right way, and no guessing.”

These cards are based on Hazel Loring’s 1980 Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade. The program and many valuable supplements are available free of charge from www.donpotter.net. Cards finished, 11/17/08. Revised 6/25/15. Revised May 4, 2017

The cards are numbered consecutively by Units: Card 1-1: Unit 1, Card 1.

Suggestions for Classroom Use

The children love to play games with the cards. They love to decode the words on the cards and then create their own sentence using the word. Place several cards on the table and ask them to point to a word as you say it. Have them hand you a card as you say it.

Words they tend to confuse can be selected for discrimination drills. Show them two cards then hide the cards behind your back and present one at random to see if they can tell the difference.

Advanced students can tutor their peers.

It is good to have the students periodically review the cards until they can decode the words rapidly. Rapid decoding is the wide open door to reading enjoyment and superior comprehension.
bat

bag

bad
can

cap

cab
cat
dad
fan
fat

gas

hat
ham

had

jam
lap

lad

map
man

mat

nap
pan

pad

quack
rat

ran

rag
rap

sap

sad
Sam

tan

tap
tag

van

wag
wax

am

an
at

Ann

lass
mass

pass

zag
bib
big
bill
bin

bit

did
dig

dim

dip
hid

hill

him
hit

if

in
it

jig

kid
kill

kiss

lid
lip

mill

miss
mix

nip

pig
pill

pit

quick
rib

rid

rig
rim
d
t
sic
sip

sit

six
Tim

tin

tip
vim

wig

will
win

yip

zig-zag
Zip

Bob

Bog
boss

box

cob
cot

dog

doll
fox

got

hod
hog

hop

hot
job

log

loss
lot

mob

mop
moss

not

nod
off

on

pod
pop

pot

rob
rod

rot

sob
sod

sop

top
toss

tot

but
cuff

cut

dug
duck

fun

fuss
gum

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gun

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gull

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hum

hut

hug
jug

lug

mud
mug

muff

muss
nut

pup

rub
rug

run

sum
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US

Gus

bell
dell
den
fed
fell

get

hen
jet

let

leg
less

men

met
net

peg

pet
sell

ten

tell
well

vet

mess
keg

yes

band
bent

bend

belt
best
bump
camp
damp

desk

fast
fist

felt

fond
fund

gift

tilt
gust
hand
hint
jump

just

lend
hump

lift

list
lint

melt

must
milk

mist

mend
pump

court

quest
rest

rust

sent
send
silk
next
sand

tent

test
went

wind

and
help

its

duck
Jack

kick

lock
luck

neck

pick
quick

quack

rock
sick
tack
cash
dish

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fish

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hush

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wish
shall
shed
self

ship

shop
shot

shut

than
that

them

then
this

thus

thick
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bath

with

chat
chin

chill

chick
chop

chip

chum
much

rich

such
latch

match

notch
patch

pitch

witch
thatch

mechanic

want
was

water

watch
wash

what

when
which

whiff

whip
whisk


wish


wish

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bang

gang

hang
rang

sang

ding
ping-pong

ring

sing
thing-a-ling

wing

king
song

hung

lung
bunk

dunk

kink
link

mink

pink
tank

sank

chunk
blush

black

block
blend
bland
bliss
blink

clip

clap
click

cliff

clock
clink

clank

clinch
clench

cling

clang
flash

flesh

flip
flap

fling

flung
flit

flat

flag
club

glad

glass
gland

scat

scan
skin

skip

skid
skill

scuff

scum
scotch

sketch

scalp
smack

smelt

smug
slot

slum

slap
slam

slash

slip
sled

snip

snob
snap

snug

snuff
snub

spun

spot
spill


spell

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spank

spunk

spin

span
spat

spit

stuck
stop

still

stem
stand

stack

step
stub

stab

stuff
stiff

swim

swell
swam

swift

switch
swing

swept

brag
brand

brass

brim
brick

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bring

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branch

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brush


crab


crash

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cramp

crack

crib
crop

crunch

crust
drag

drank

drop
drum

dress

drunk
drip

drug

Fran
Frank

frost

frump
fresh
French
Fred
frog

frock

grand
gruff

grog

grip
grunt

grin

prank
press

prim

print
track

trap

trick
trim

trip

trot
truck

trend

trust
napkin
blacktop
bobcat
cashbox

catfish

catnap
catnip

chestnut

desktop
eggnog

endless

filmstrip
flapjack

gumdrop

handbag
handcuff

handstand

helmet
hilltop

rabbit

hubcap
kidnap

hotdog

landmass
laptop

lesson

magnet
Midland

nutmeg

pocket
sandbag

shipment

sunspot
tiptop

traffic

trashcan
upland

sunset

sudden
combat

upon

wingspan
ate

bake

cane
cape

cake

date
daze

daze

fate

fate

fade

fade

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fade

gate

gaze
hate
came
haze
lake

lame

make
late

game

wake
name

pale

quake
rate

rake

pane
sake

shame

shake
same

take

tame
tape

blame

flame
plane

stake

glade
snake

chase

safe
paste
gave
case
fake

haste

flake
save

blaze

vase
taste

waste

brave
brake

crate

crave
craze

drape

grape
here
these
bite
dime

dine

dike
fine

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fife

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dive

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file
five
hide
like

mine

mite
mile

nine

pike
pine
pile
quite
kite

ride

shine
side

spike

smile
slime

stile

swine
spine

ripe

time
tile

tide

wife
wine

dside

slide
size

glide

while
white

drive

pride
prime

prize

bone
cone
cope
code
dote

dole

dome
globe

hole

home
hope

joke

lone
lode

lope

poke
quote

rode

robe
rope

sole

stone
scone

spoke

slope
smoke

note

tone
tote

those

stole
woke
broke
drove
probe

cube

duke
dune

cute

tube
tune

mule

flute
prune

rule

rude
plume

brute

bold
old

cold

fold
gold

hold

mold
sold

told

scold
colt

jolt

molt
roll

most

post
host

both

child
mild

wild

blind
find

grind

hind
kind

mind

rind
wind

be

he
me

we

she
the

go

no
so

bar

barn
car

chart

charm
darn

dark

far
farm

hard

jar
lark

mark

mart
smart

scar

star
start

tar

warm
born

cord

cork
corn

fork

fork
fort

horn

horse
scorch

storm

stork
torn
torch
morn
morning

worn

clerk
fer

ejerk

her
birth
dirt
fir
first

girl

sir
stir

third

curb
curl

burn

fur
hurt
purr
turn
worm

camper

cutter
catcher

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chopper

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dipper

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drummer

helper

jumper
marker

farmer

pitcher
planner

runner

sitter
spinner

better

never
after

under

actor
doctor

janitor

visitor
fail

gain

grain
jail

maid

mail
pail

laid

pain
rail

rain

sail
tail

train

wait
wail

bay

clay
day

gay

gray
hay

jay

lay
may

pay

pray
play

ray

say
sway

way

bee
beef


beech


beet

deed

deep

breeze
fee

feet

feed
feel

free

freeze
fleet

green

greet
heed

heel

jeep
keep

keen

meet
need

peep

peek
queen

reed

see
seed

seem

seen
sleep

sleeve

sleet
sweep

sweet

sheep
wee
weed
week
beast

bean

cream
cheat

cheap

deal
dream

feast

east
eat

each

leaf
leap

leave

lean
meal

least

sea
seat

tea

teach
clean

reach

read

I can read a book.
real

bread

breast
breath

dead

deaht
health

instead

read

I read a book.
threat

thread

tread
wealth

weather

steak
dries

fried

lie
pies

spies

tie
chief

grief

field
thief

yield

belief
army

candy

cooky
daddy

dolly

dusty
funny

gummy

party
happy

handy

hilly
heathy

fairy

fifty
messy

penny

puppy
thirty

twenty

silly
wealthy

pretty

by
cry

dry

fly
try

sky

why
myself

boat

boat
coast


goat


float

load

loaf

road
soap

soak

toad
throat

roast

soapy
foe

goes

hoe
hoed

Joe

toe
toes


woe


bow

I hunt with a bow and arrow.

bowl

blow

crow
glow

grow

grown
row

slow

tow
throw

show

shown
snow

fellow

follow
hollow

pillow

shadow
own

bow

Take a bow.

cow
crowd
crown
crown
flower

gown

growl
how

howl

power
powder

Row your boat.

now
town

cloud

found
ground

house

loud
mound

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out

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our

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sound

shout

scout
you

county

young
soul

four

boy
boys

joy

joys
toy

Toys

oyster

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oysters

boil

coin
soil


spoil


point

booth

boom

coo
cool

boost

droop
food

groom

goose
doom

moon

roof
mood

noon

gloom
soon

roost

stool
stoop

spoon

spool
shoot

too

tool
tooth

troop

coolness
zoo

cooler

foolish

smooth
teaspoon
noonday
toothbrush

scooter

paoose
tooting

school

book
booklet

cook

crook
brook

cooker

good
foot

footstep

goodness
hoof

hook

hood
look

looking

soot
took

stood

shook
wool

wood

wooden
woolen

footstool

crawl
drawn

fawn

hawk
jaw

law

lawn
paw

saw

shawl
thaw

yawn

cause
fault

pause

already
almost

always

also
bald
false
halt
malt


salt

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ball

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call
fall
mall
tall

wall

blew
brew

chew

crew
drew

grew

flew
threw
dew
ew
new

new

news
clue

flue

glue
true

due

hue
Sue

blew

Sue
a

about

adrift
afar

ajar

alike
ahead

amuse

around
arouse

apart

aside
asleep

astir

awake
awhile

careful

pull
bush

fullback

full moon
fulfill

put

cent
cell

cease

center
civil

cinder

cyclone
circus

cinch

cigar
acid
cistern
ace
brace

chance

decide
dance

dunce

face
hence

ice

lace
mince

mice

nice
niece
pace
place
peace

piece

prance
prince

princess

pencil
price

race

rice
space

slice

spice
since

twice

trace
thence

choice

voice
special

age

barge
fringe

huge

large
lunge


hinge


page

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plunge

rage

range
sage

stage

wage
urge

budge

bridge
badge
dodge
edge
fudge


hedge


lodge

nudge

pledge

ledge

judge

ridge

smudge
wedge

ingger

giraffe
gist

giblet

gyp
gypsy

gymnast

bright
blight

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fight


fighter

flight

high

light
might

night

moonlight
plight

sigh

tight
slight

thigh

right
caught
daughter
 taught
rough

tough

laugh

laughing
kneel


knelt

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knight

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knife

knit

knot
know

known

knock
listen

often

soften
wreath

wretch

write
wrist

wring

wrote
wreck

wrong

comb
dumb

lamb

limb
thumb
calf
half
walk

answer

sword
choose

chose

cheese
ease

because

noise
nose

pause

pose
praise

please

rose
rise

tease

these
is

has

his
use

elephant

nephew
orphan

prophet

pamphlet
photograph

phonograph

phone
telephone

telegraph

alphabet
phonics

battle

bundle
little

middle

pickle
sample

handle

puzzle
struggle

tickle

wiggle
attention

action

addition
affection

invitation

foundation
education

mention

nation
partition

portion

station
section

expression

impression
mission

added

acted
counted

crowded

ended
folded

landed

lighted
rested
waited
aimed
burned

called

printed
filled

named

saved
rained

rolled

stayed
turned

baked

boxed
camped

hitched

picked
hoped

jumped

liked
looked

packed

pitched
stopped

wished

baker
shady

lady

paper
caper

taper

favor
savor

vapor

wafer
maker

taker

nasal
fatal

natal

label
halo

sago

pacer
racer
fever
cedar
hero

legal

regal
before


tidy


limy

slimy

viper

biter
libel

cider

spider
tiger

vital

final
bony

pony

holy
over

clover

donor
solar

polar

sober
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oval

grocer
oral

open

tulip
Lucy

pupil

mural
rural

tyro

tyrant
dial

giant

trial
friar

pliant

vial
dual

fuel

gruel
do

to

today
into

come

done
does

some

one
once

of

from
again

said

could
would

any

many
only

are

carry
eight

have

give
their

they

very
where
were
every
been

buy

don’t
your

measure

measure
treasure