

# Blend Phonics Reader Lite

Reading Made Easy and Fun  
for the Very Young

Based on Hazel Loring's highly successful 1980  
*Reading Made Easy for First Grade with Blend Phonics*

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## **Step One: Short Vowel Sounds**

**Unit 1: ä b c d f g h j k l m n p q u r s t v w x y ck.**

băt 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 yak am  
tax wax

**Unit 2: Short sound of ĭ, z.**

bĭb bin bit bill big dim dip fib fit fin hit hip  
him hill hid jig kiss kid kill lip lid miss mill  
mix nip pit in pig pill quick rib rim rid sit sip  
sin tip tin Tim vim win wig will yip zig, fig  
rip it if rig fix zig-zag

**Unit 3: Short Sound of ă.**

băb bog cot cob dog doll dot Don fog got  
hot hop hod job lot log mob mop nod not  
pod pop pot rob rot rod sop sob sod tot  
top hog on off box fox

#### **Unit 4: Short Sound of ũ.**

bŭt bun bug bud bus cup cub cuff cut duck  
fun fuss gum gun gull hum hut hug jug mug  
mud muff nut pup run rug rub sun sum tub  
tug up lug

#### **Unit 5: Short Sound of ě.**

bĕll beg bet bed dell den fed fell get hen jet let  
leg less men met net peg pet pen red set sell  
ten tell Ted wet web well vet mess keg

Mixed Short Sounds of **a**, **i**, **o**, **u**, and **e**

get got gut net Nat, nit, nut, not, rot, rut, rat,  
rod, rid, red, set, sit sat tell till beg bag bog  
bug big box hen ham hum him hem peg pig  
pug Ted Todd tad bet bit bat but bed bid bud  
bad lit lot let fed fad fat fit jet jot jut pet pot pit  
pat putt wax pen pin pun pan web wed wet  
wit dell dull doll dill bill bell Bill hill hull fell fill  
full fox fax fix well will den Dan din Don less  
lass loss vet vat men man mom mum sell sill  
mess mass miss moss muss mop map muff  
miff mutt mat met mitt Mat ten tin tan tax tux  
keg kiss kid kit cad cod sod cup cop cap cog  
sap sop sup sip zig-zag

## **Unit 6: Final Consonant Blends and ck.**

band bent bend belt bump camp damp  
desk fast fist felt fond fund gift tilt gust hand,  
hint jump just lend land lamp hump lift list  
lint melt must milk mist mend pump pant  
quest rest rust sent send silk next sand tent  
test went wind

duck Jack kick lock luck neck pick quick  
quack rock slick tack

## **Unit 7: Consonant Digraph sh**

cash dish fish hush shall shed shelf ship  
shop shot shut

## **Unit 8:**

### **Consonant Digraph th (Voiced)**

than that them thump this thus

### **Consonant Digraph th (Unvoiced)**

thick thin thud thump bath with

## **Unit 9: Consonant Digraphs ch, tch**

**ch**at chin chill chick chop chip chum much  
rich such catch ditch fetch latch match  
notch patch pitch witch thatch

ch = /k/: **mechanic**

## **Unit 10: Consonant Digraph wh,**

Blend **wa** sounds like **wǒ**, **wha** sounds like **whǒ**.

**w**ant was water watch what

when which whiff whip whisk

## **Unit 11: ng (ǎng, ĩng, ǒng, ůng)**

bang gang hang rang sang ding ping-pong  
ring sing thing-a-ling wing king thing gong  
long song hung lung rung sung

## **Unit 12. nk (ǎnk, ĩnk, ǒnk, ůnk)**

bank bunk dunk kink link mink pink rink sink  
tank sank chunk thank honk

## **Unit 13: Initial Consonant Blends)**

**bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sc, sk, sm, sl, sn, sp, st, sw**

**bl**ush black block blend bland bliss blink

**cl**ip clap click cliff clock clink clank clinch  
clench cling clang club

**fl**ash flesh flip flap fling flung flit flat flag  
flock fled flop

**gl**ad glass gland

**sc**at scan skin skip skid skill scuff scum  
scotch sketch scalp

**sl**ush slot slum slap slam slash slip sled  
smack smelt smug smash

**sn**ip snob snap snug snuff snub

**sp**un spot spill spell spank spunk spin span  
spat spit

**st**uck stop still stem stand step stub stab  
stuff stiff

**sw**im swell swam swift switch swing swept

## **Unit 14: Final Consonant Blends.**

**b**rag brand brass brim brick bring branch  
brush

**c**rab crash cramp crack crib crop crunch  
crust

**d**rag drank drop drum drink dress drunk  
drip drug

**F**ran Frank from frump fresh French Fred  
frog frock

**g**rand grass grasp grant gruff grip grunt grin  
**p**rank press prim print

**t**rack trap trick trim trip trot truck tend trust

## Unit 15: Two-Syllable Short Vowel Words

bedrock napkin chestnut flapjack  
sunspot handcuff hubcap  
landmass ashcan backstop  
sandbag dishpan claptrap Midland  
helmet eggnog shipment backstop  
laptop catfish kidnap hotdog  
gumdrop endless dogsled bobcat  
dustpan upland cashbox desktop  
humbug visit habit blanket ticket  
rabbit pencil vivid robin puppet  
dental husband sunset sudden exit  
within rocket racket ribbon combat  
lemon jacket traffic pocket picket  
lesson Hobbit handbag wingspan  
filmstrip magnet handstand tiptop  
catnap trashcan hilltop nutmeg  
hatchet latchet ratchet

### Step Three: The Long Vowels

#### Unit 16: Long vowel: CVE words.

bāke cane cape cake date daze fate fade gate  
gaze hate came haze lake lame make mane  
made mate late game wake name pale quake  
rate rake pane sake shame shake same take  
tame 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 grave trade

hēre these

bīte dime dine dike fine fife dive file five hide  
hive lime life 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  
side pipe size glide while white drive pride  
prime prize

bōne cone cope code dote dole dome globe  
hole home hope joke lone lode lope poke pole  
quote rode robe rope sole spoke slope smoke  
note tone tote stole mope mole vote woke  
broke drove probe

cūbe duke dune cute tube tune mule flute prune  
rule rude plume brute

## **Unit 17: Phonograms using Long vowel Sounds.**

bōld old cold fold gold hold mold sold told scold

cōlt jolt molt bolt volt

bōth

tōll roll

mōst post host

chīld wild mild

blīnd find kind mind rind wind

## **Unit 18: Short Words Ending in a Long Vowel.**

bē he me we she the gō no so

## **Unit 19: Phonogram ar.**

bar barn car chart charm darn dark far farm

hard jar lark mark mart park part spark

smart scar star tar

## **Unit 20: Phonogram or.**

born cord cork corn for fork fort horn horse

pork porch scorn scorch storm stork torn

torch morn morning worn

**Unit 21: Phonograms er, ir, ur and sometimes or.**

clerk fern jerk her herd term

bird birth dirt first girl sir stir third

curb burn fur hurt purr turn

word world work worm

camper cutter catcher chopper dipper

drummer helper jumper marker farmer

pitcher planner runner sitter starter

swimmer sender spinner

actor doctor janitor visitor

**Unit 22: Vowel Digraphs ay, ai.**

ail bail brain fail gain grain jail maid mail

paid aid pain rail rain sail tail train wait

wail

bay clay day gay gray hay jay lay may

pay pray ray say sway way

### **Unit 23: Vowel Digraph ee.**

bee beef beech beet deed breeze fee feet  
feed feel free freeze fleet green greet heed  
heel jeep keep keen peep reed see seed  
seen seem sleep sleeve sleet sweep sweet  
sheep meet need wee weed week weep

### **Unit 24: long e: ēa    short e: ěa    long ā: eā**

bēat beach beast bean cream cheat cheap  
deal dream feast east each leaf leap leave  
lean meal least sea tea each reach rēad  
real

brěad breast breath dead death health  
instead rěad threat tread wealth weather  
steāk break great bear

### **Unit 25: Vowel Digraph ie: long ī and long ē.**

crīed cries dried dries fried lie lies lied pie  
pies spies tie tied tried

brīēf chief grief field priest relief believe  
yield

## **Unit 26: Final vowel y.**

army candy cubby daddy dolly dusty funny  
gummy party happy handy hilly healthy  
fairly fifty messy penny puppy rainy sunny  
sleepy thirty twenty silly wealthy

b̄y cry dry fly my ply sly try sky shy why

## **Unit 27: Vowel Digraph oa oe.**

bōat boast coat coach coast goat float load  
loaf road soap toad throat roast soapy

fōe goes hoe hoed Joe toe toes woe

## **Unit 28: Two sounds of ow.**

Digraph ow = long ō:

bōw bowl blow crow glow grow grown  
growth flow low row slow tow throw show  
shown snow fellow follow pillow willow  
yellow

Diphthong ow:

bow cow crowd clown crown brown drown  
frown flower gown growl howl power  
powder row now town

## **Unit 29: Some of the many sounds of ou:**

Diphthong ou:

cloud found ground house loud mound out  
our mouse pound round sound shout scout

Digraph ou:

yoū      coŭntry yoŭng      sōul

## **Unit 30: Diphthongs: oy (end of words) oi (inside words)**

bōy boys joy joys toy toys oyster oysters

bōil coin join joint oil soil spoil point toil

### **Unit 31: Long Sound of oo /ōō/.**

bōōt booth bloom coo cool boost droop food  
groom goose doom moon roof loose room  
proof mood gloom noon soon roost stool  
stoop spoon spool shoot too tool tooth troop  
coolness zoo cooler foolish smooth  
teaspoon noonday toothbrush scooter  
papoose tooting school pool fool

### **Unit 32: Short Sound of oo.**

book booklet cook crook brook cooker good  
foot footstep hoof hook hood looking soot  
took stood shook wool wood wooden  
woolen footstool

### **Unit 33: Vowel Digraphs aw, au.**

crawl crawling drawn fawn hawk jaw law  
paw paw saw shawl thaw yawn  
cause clause faun haul fault pause

**Unit 34: Phonograms al, all.**

already almost also bald false halt malt salt  
ball call mall wall

**Unit 35: Digraphs ew, eu.**

blew brew chew crew drew grew flew threw  
dew few mew new news pew stew  
blue clue flue glue true due hue Sue

**Unit 36: Unaccented a at beginning of words à /ə/.**

à about adrift afar ajar alike ahead amuse  
around arouse apart aside asleep astir  
awake awhile

**Unit 37: Phonograms ul, ull, ush.**

careful pull bull full push bush fullback fulfill  
put

**Unit 38: Soft Sound of c /s/ (before e, i, and y.)**

cent cell cease center civil cinder cyclone  
circus cinch cigar acid cistern ace brace  
chance decide dance dunce face fleece  
fence France hence ice lace mice nice  
niece pace place peace piece prance  
prince pencil price race rice space slice  
spice since twice thence choice voice

special

**Unit 39: Soft Sound of g /j/ in dge and sometimes before e, i and y.**

age barge chance cage engage fringe huge  
large lunge hinge page plunge rage range  
sage stage wage urge budge bridge badge  
dodge edge fudge hedge lodge nudge  
pledge ledge judge ridge smudge wedge  
ginger giraffe gist gible gyp gipsy gymnast

**Unit 40: Silent *gh* and *gh* sounds like *f*.**

brīght blight fight fighter flight high light might  
night moonlight plight sigh tight slight thigh right  
*caught daughter taught*  
rough tough laugh laughter laughing

**Unit 41: Silent *k, t, w, b, l, h*.**

*knee kneel knelt knight knife knit knot know  
known knock*

*chasten glisten hasten listen often soften  
wreath wretch write wrist wring wrote wreck  
wrong answer sword*

*comb climb debt doubt dumb lamb limb  
thumb.*

*ca/f half walk hour honest honor ghost*

**Unit 42: *se* Sounds Like *z*.**

choose chose cheese ease because noise  
nose pause pose praise please rose rise  
tease these those wise as has is

### **Unit 43: ph Sounds Like f.**

elephant nephew orphan prophet pamphlet  
photograph phonograph phone telephone  
telegraph alphabet phonics

### **Unit 44: Final le, tion, sion.**

battle bundle bottle buckle circle little middle  
pickle sample handle puzzle scramble scribble  
sprinkle struggle tickle wiggle

attention action addition affection invitation  
foundation education mention partition portion  
station section

expression impression mission

## **Unit 45: Three Sounds of ed.**

### **ed with short e**

added acted counted crowded ended folded  
landed lighted painted planted printed rested  
waited

### **ed Sounds Like 'd**

aimed burned called changed filled named  
saved rained rolled stayed turned

### **ed Sounds Like 't**

baked boxed camped hitched picked hoped  
jumped liked looked packed pitched  
stopped wished whaled.

## **Unit 46: Long Vowels in Open Syllables**

baker racer pliant oval shady fever giant poem  
lady cedar dial grocer paper hero trial oral  
caper legal final open taper regal vial tulip favor  
before bony Lucy savor tidy pony fuel vapor  
limy holy duel wafer slimy over cruel maker  
viper clover gruel taker biter donor pupil nasal  
brier solar ruin fatal friar polar mural natal libel  
sober rural label cider local tyro halo spider  
focal tyrant sago tiger vocal pacer vital total

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### Unit Progress Chart

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Unit 1 <b>Step 1</b>	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6 <b>Step 2</b>	Unit 7
Unit 8	Unit 9	Unit 10	Unit 11	Unit 12	Unit 13	Unit 14 <b>Step 3</b>
Unit 15	Unit 16	Unit 17	Unit 18 <b>Step 4</b>	Unit 19	Unit 20	Unit 21 <b>Step 5</b>
Unit 22	Unit 23	Unit 24	Unit 25	Unit 26	Unit 27	Unit 28
Unit 29	Unit 30	Unit 31	Unit 32	Unit 33	Unit 34	Unit 35 <b>Step 6</b>
Unit 36	Unit 37	Unit 38	Unit 39	Unit 40	Unit 41	Unit 42
Unit 43	Unit 44	Unit 45	Unit 45	<b>Step 1:</b> Short vowels & Consonants <b>Step 4:</b> R-Controlled Vowels <b>Step 2:</b> Consonant Blends & Digraphs <b>Step 5:</b> Vowel Digraphs & Diphthongs <b>Step 3:</b> Long Vowels (VCE) <b>Step 6:</b> Irregular Spellings		

Write the date the student completes each Unit in the box.

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## Blend Phonics Reader Decoding Skills Ladder

Step	Unit	Association	
<b>Step 6</b> Advanced Spelling Patterns & Open Syllables	46	Long Vowels in Open Syllables	
	45	ed with short e; ed sounds like ‘d; ed sounds like ‘t	
	44	Final le, tion, sion	
	43	ph sounds like f	
	42	se sounds like z	
	41	Silent k, w, t, b, l, h	
	40	Silent gh, and gh like f	
	39	Soft sound of g in dge & sometimes before e, i, y.	
	38	Soft sound of c (before e, i, & y); s like sh (sugar)	
	37	Phonograms: ul, ull, ush (u sound like short oo)	
	36	Unaccented a at beginning of words & a	
<b>Step 5</b> Vowel Digraphs & Diphthongs	35	Diagraphs ew, ue	
	34	Phonograms: al, all	
	33	Vowel Digraphs aw, au	
	32	Short sound of oo	
	31	Long sound of oo	
	30	Diphthong: oy, oi	
	29	Diphthong ou; Digraph ōu, often Irregular	
	28	Digraph: ōw, Diphthong: ow	
	27	Vowel Digraph: oa, oe (like long ō)	
	26	Final Vowel y (ē); Long ī in single syllable words	
	25	Vowel Digraph ie (long ī and long ē)	
	24	Vowel Digraph ea (long ē, short ě, long ā)	
23	Vowel Digraph: ee		
22	Vowel Digraph: ai, ay		
<b>Step 4</b> R-Controlled Vowels	21	Phonogram er, ir, ur, and sometimes or	
	20	Phonogram: or	
	19	Phonogram: ar	
<b>Step 3</b> Long Vowels (VCE)	18	Short words ending in long vowels: be, go, he, me, etc.	
	17	Phonograms - Long Vowels: old, olt, oll, ost,, oth, ild, ind	
	16	VCE (long vowels)	
<b>Step 2</b> Consonant Blends & Digraphs	15	Short vowel Two-Syllable Words	
	14	Initial Consonant Blends: br cr dr gr pr tr	
	13	Initial Consonant Blends: bl cl fl gl pl sc sl sm sl sn sp st sw	
	12	nk (ank, ink, onk, unk)	
	11	ng (ang, ing, ong, ung)	
	10	Consonant Digraph: wh	
	9	Consonant Digraphs: ch, tch (ch = k)	
	8	Consonant Digraphs: th (voiced); th (unvoiced)	
	7	Consonant Digraph: sh	
	6	Final Consonant Blends	
<b>Step 1</b> Short Vowels & Consonants	5	Short vowel ě	
	4	Short vowel ŭ	
	3	Short vowel ǒ	
	2	Short vowel ĭ z	
	1	Short vowel ă b c d f g h j k l m n p q u r s t v w y ck	

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This *Blend Phonics Reader Lite* edition of my *Blend Phonics Reader* is designed to be a **shorter version** for younger children who have not received whole-word instruction and have not developed artificially induced whole-word dyslexia. *Blend Phonics Lite* has 1,450 words, whereas the program for older students has around 2,080.

Thanks to my tutoring student Ric Hale, a 10 year old, fourth grader at the Odessa Christian School. He helped me edit both editions of the present work.

This *Blend Phonics Reader Lite* is a complete course in phonics especially for kindergarten and first grade, but applicable to students of any age who need to improve their reading with basic phonics.

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The follow-up to *Blend Phonics Reader Lite* is *Blend Phonics Polysyllables*, which will take students to the next level of reading ability.

Note: *Blend Phonics Reader Lite* organizes the lessons in more detail, making it an idea companion to the larger *Blend Phonics Reader* for those Units that the students find too difficult.

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### Unit, Step, and Total Word Counts

Unit 1 <b>Step 1</b> 40 words	Unit 2 52 words	Unit 3 36 words	Unit 4 33 words	Unit 5 32 words <b>Unit Total 193</b>	Unit 6 <b>Step 2</b> 59 words	Unit 7 11 words
Unit 8 12 words	Unit 9 21 words	Unit 10 10 words	Unit 11 20 words	Unit 12 16 words	Unit 13 92 words <b>Unit Total 281</b>	Unit 14 <b>Step 3</b> 167 words
Unit 15 30 words	Unit 16 9 words	Unit 17 56 words <b>Unit Total 206</b>	Unit 18 <b>Step 4</b> 30 words	Unit 19 20 words	Unit 20 <b>47 words</b> <b>Unit Total 97</b>	Unit 21 <b>Step 5</b> 35 words
Unit 22 40 words	Unit 23 42 words	Unit 24 24 words	Unit 25 36 words	Unit 26 25 words	Unit 27 43 words	Unit 28 19 words
Unit 29 17 words	Unit 30 44 words	Unit 31 24 words	Unit 32 20 words	Unit 33 12 words	Unit 34 23 words <b>Unit Total 395</b>	Unit 35 <b>Step 6</b> 16 words
Unit 36 10 words	Unit 37 50 words	Unit 38 40 words	Unit 39 24 words	Unit 40 37 words	Unit 41 20 words	Unit 42 12 words
Unit 43 33 words	Unit 44 37 words <b>Unit Total 279</b>	<b>Step 1:</b> Short vowels & Consonants <b>Step 2:</b> Consonant Blends & Digraphs <b>Step 3:</b> Long Vowels (VCE) <b>Step 4:</b> R-Controlled Vowels <b>Step 5:</b> Vowel Digraphs & Diphthongs <b>Step 6:</b> Irregular Spellings There are a total of 1,450 words in <i>Blend Phonics</i> and <i>Blend Phonics Reader Lite</i> .				

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