

# Simple Short Vowel Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 6, Blend Phonics<sup>1</sup> Unit 9, or Syllables Lesson 1)

ab	dub	vuff	kat	neff
biss	vot	fiss	vass	zick
lut	eff	eb	vog	eg
vod	dod	op	jish	ep
liss	tass	yat	vack	hig
kam	phun	gob	jan	taff
ack	jeck	zess	tem	lud
fiff	zim	hab	kab	thon
om	kem	kesh	yim	fud
chid	desh	vep	tash	phum
hib	quom	tam	ub	ish
og	pab	veck	ved	meck
choss	kiff	zoss	vop	nuck
bick	fep	hess	yem	seg
jick	jub	pib	lat	mub
vin	mep	diff	jed	tib
peb	foff	duss	jeg	phid
tid	mip	duff	yick	nim
yud	gick	phad	dag	uck
bot	zam	ruff	jid	lys

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<sup>1</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f before using this page or skip words with ph.

# Short Vowel Nonsense Words with Blends

(Use after Phonics Lesson 7, Blend Phonics<sup>2</sup> Unit 17, or Syllables Lesson 1)

troff	glon	yomp	bruss	jank
fress	masp	smub	zint	jeft
vusk	hipt	splect	sunt	phrist
dimp	bosp	zoft	yact	spluff
drid	criff	jing	strod	vept
luft	splob	fesp	kemp	cesk
flact	thrund	clud	nund	fect
swug	ust	phropt	ceft	drast
fleff	scrim	omp	drap	gleck
jift	jund	chand	smed	noct
pron	snid	vonk	trag	nept
yuft	sclack	plusk	snaff	zamp
skob	glemp	besp	fress	vosk
frep	jang	unt	joct	thrag
plig	hect	nund	sphob	blen
jisk	yasp	bisk	glaff	treb
threck	plash	thrupp	prash	glap
thren	gaft	vesk	yeft	thrun
thomp	ont	sask	trunt	blit
jemp	phrint	namp	glap	prash

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<sup>2</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f and c as s or skip words with ph and soft c.

# Mixed Short Vowel Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 7, Blend Phonics<sup>3</sup> Unit 17, or after Syllables Lesson 1)

soff	blim	paft	mact	femp
sneb	gusp	saft	sapt	splack
skemp	yob	noct	clun	rog
liff	teft	broft	foff	plam
crand	spuff	yoct	zid	hamp
yaff	fleff	gluff	zeff	zoct
rimp	frun	caft	gapt	hap
zaff	ched	zin	yemp	brock
jict	tib	blop	beb	yab
vant	ved	thrum	lupt	zund
shrad	vuff	yink	nand	biss
boct	usp	frupt	thont	glapt
dring	druff	gand	zopt	nost
pand	jiss	gick	dact	brid
chask	nup	fuft	ing	cim
yusp	kipt	sleck	sland	grosp
shiff	traft	wib	dask	uft
bript	jint	fisk	yot	splink
peb	blep	bem	riff	om
zom	tam	flump	mag	jemp

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<sup>3</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f and c as s or skip words with ph and soft c.

## Silent E Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 13, Blend Phonics<sup>4</sup> Unit 14, or Syllables Lesson 2)

trime	stope	thade	slipe	phrite
sclace	blude	thipe	glome	throme
throde	blane	dripe	flipe	phride
snude	snace	plyke	blute	sclage
vide	fripe	thrade	plice	zane
glite	chipe	slame	glyne	zome
gluke	scline	crote	strite	schrале
zole	spime	gride	shrome	grole
frike	frome	clume	bluke	splame
druke	sclate	slome	drole	blipe
clude	flile	stromе	sprome	splace
strime	vope	clote	grice	glame
glyte	flike	blope	shrule	glude
phrate	glype	zike	strile	drome
shrote	brome	clage	sclode	trule
plike	grule	crite	yade	thame
thrude	zude	trute	shrume	cripe
blape	thrate	chade	zice	shribe
thryte	thrame	brice	drine	frime
pime	throke	shribe	blune	zibe

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<sup>4</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f and c as s or skip words with ph and soft c.

## Other Long Vowel Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 13, Blend Phonics<sup>5</sup> Unit 34, or Syllables Lesson 3)

sclue	snoak	shroe	freep	zeep
sloan	froast	steet	shreep	cloat
breel	splain	spleed	gleep	sloat
greep	breem	phroast	gligh	yigh
zain	splue	vigh	splew	blain
bligh	scleet	troan	blee	cright
floak	glail	phleen	thrail	dreep
screet	tigh	stoat	crigh	skeep
greel	proast	troe	fleep	sleed
stroat	stoast	groak	sclew	stroe
dreen	strail	brigh	treave	glay
spay	shreen	swoak	dreet	gleet
croaf	thrain	freet	crain	slee
shrail	theel	prain	snay	shreem
sloak	yeem	dreave	broast	fleen
thray	phrain	phroan	snight	troaf
shreed	phleep	threed	drigh	prail
frain	streep	broaf	sleen	shreet
froan	fleem	pleem	sneed	breem
phleem	scleed	shrigh	phray	dween

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<sup>5</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f and c as s or skip words with ph and soft c.

# Mixed Long Vowel Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 13, Blend Phonics<sup>6</sup> Unit 34, or Syllables Lesson 3)

frote	thribe	troaf	thripe	shrame
breel	troaf	shrote	flike	glane
plile	spame	drine	thrice	prail
steet	trule	vope	sneed	stoaf
phleen	thrain	phreet	phleen	blute
frote	vide	thrame	drigh	thrude
druke	stoaf	drine	sloan	glace
thrice	splue	thrice	dreen	flide
thray	shrile	plice	drome	cright
breem	fleep	sleen	glate	groke
yope	clake	shroat	sleed	yigh
shrume	greep	yote	chome	troe
sclate	brame	dreave	stome	sclue
stroat	splain	phrome	troat	sloak
shike	snibe	sploke	gleet	brigh
thrame	drote	splew	dreen	breave
yeem	throde	breave	broast	croaf
stoast	drite	breen	thane	shreen
strail	swoak	flibe	blay	splew
phrain	shruke	spame	sloak	drime

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<sup>6</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f and c as s or skip words with ph and soft c.

# Nonsense Words with other Vowel Patterns

(Use after Phonics Lesson 20, Blend Phonics<sup>7</sup> Unit 37, or Syllables Lesson 5)

tawn	knub	blerm	plause	brell
jittle	froil	zipple	shrapple	thar
flerm	yiddle	yoint	zerm	griffle
ploid	jazzle	sclout	wrop	glor
thawn	voil	trell	crell	graw
knut	shreddle	triddle	juttle	broist
graffle	sprool	wrone	flause	blouch
bloin	yuddle	grell	clor	lizzle
rizzle	par	voint	flouch	yar
droit	bloy	droon	shrall	sherm
spizzle	phraw	zazzle	sozzle	knop
threll	clouse	glerm	flouse	traw
flipple	therm	clar	hoddle	froit
bloid	blar	bloist	snaffle	zoid
zool	froon	wrip	drell	zoil
cherm	blout	broy	brapple	bliddle
flor	zoy	fraw	brool	fittle
glaw	frettle	vool	sloid	pherm
wrine	glawn	cluffle	clerm	gnip
spall	sar	jettle	glause	gnipe

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<sup>7</sup> For Blend Phonics, teach ph as f or skip words with ph.

# Mixed Nonsense Words

(Use after Phonics Lesson 20, Blend Phonics Unit 42, or Syllables Lesson 5)

flod	vime	mizzle	strobe	wrip
yode	dreep	voint	tront	greep
froit	sleen	juttle	blout	grule
nide	gomp	zeff	plud	troe
froon	phrime	thesp	zope	clerm
zoy	rast	crame	thuke	nept
prash	nimp	lud	blane	frume
chisk	lyth	pand	sherm	spled
croaf	sclage	splish	righ	shreem
masp	thig	bap	bligh	quog
glamp	slee	sesk	clade	glune
mept	blish	strice	vank	droon
fripe	zom	yock	nost	shroat
phim	crame	sleen	shask	frettle
strune	par	strite	plome	brill
grat	kand	drint	caff	brome
swoak	slee	lang	ceb	fraw
treddle	bloid	sclew	frain	bosk
tring	flor	sclout	stot	blay
freep	cloddle	traff	traw	gligh



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tawn	zoid	upt	glopt	zeff
dapt	snight	theel	hesp	stime
yont	prept	zum	gleet	shrim
shrask	shreddle	blerm	yad	shride
chont	splane	kunk	sloak	pom
throff	rup	dreep	stin	grisp
clug	stoast	zerm	splain	plause
nisp	tawn	stime	ap	zift
shant	jast	sep	plom	sut
ved	chade	clom	throd	skane
flope	shreen	shreet	steft	strab
groak	stibe	kect	cripe	ont
cloat	blesk	sopt	jost	clerm
crigh	shrisp	ot	knut	yigh
thake	fupt	ep	yoint	griffle
shreen	gud	brigh	brerm	shrail
dwimp	blout	thrain	praw	clock
jing	slibe	vum	splane	stoan
sclew	phlape	vigh	shresk	quink
voint	bock	blace	spack	throme

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(Use after Phonics Lesson 20, Blend Phonics Unit 42, or Syllables Lesson 5)

crike	stattle	kact	bloy	shike
ceb	drom	cleck	flibe	thrain
guft	blin	plyke	flent	zope
juct	creff	gleave	end	zoff
phleem	sept	crem	zoid	traff
sclane	drob	pherm	shrund	juct
shrusk	nank	spay	zuft	cloid
thake	hoddle	sclect	thile	bep
ren	fup	prem	zupt	pab
throme	vod	flut	yar	clade
mide	jazzle	fimp	flouse	croaf
ject	shroke	yact	graw	pleem
yand	yund	cham	vimp	drog
scleed	plute	tomp	flump	broy
drote	ud	pag	pim	slee
nump	slibe	sloat	knop	momp
blid	greep	pide	glor	kam
splank	vud	sclam	flom	floak
zin	slote	snib	crell	plause
frime	feft	shrote	sloan	tresk

## Nonsense Word Use

40L volunteers have found nonsense words very helpful for their remedial students. They help the brain retrain the guessing habits acquired from sight word teaching.<sup>8</sup> Nonsense words are also useful for beginning readers to check to see if they are truly understanding the phonics they are being taught.

While 40L's phonics concentration game<sup>9</sup> is preferred for young students because it teaches nonsense words in a fun way, some older students who need the benefits of nonsense words do not want to play "juvenile" games.<sup>10</sup> These nonsense words provide another way for students to gain the benefits of practice sounding out nonsense words. They are also an efficient way to work on specific types of nonsense words.

Students who improved their reading speed and accuracy of nonsense words improved their reading grade level and oral reading speed. Read 40 or 50 words (4 or 5 rows) a day and track accuracy and Words Per Minute (WPM) read. The formula for computing reading speed is: (Number of words read X 60) / Speed in Seconds. For 5 rows, 50 words, the formula is  $WPM = 3,000 / \text{Speed in Seconds}$ . For 4 rows, 40 words, the formula is  $WPM = 2,400 / \text{Speed in Seconds}$ . For more information about how to calculate WPM, see 40L's silent reading speed tests.<sup>11</sup>

Blend Phonics does not teach ph as f until lesson 42, and does not teach c as s before e, i, and y until unit 37. Either teach these skills early or skip those words until the skills are taught.

40L volunteers hope that these nonsense words help you become a better reader as you retrain your brain with phonics.

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<sup>8</sup> See 40L's Sight Word page for more information, available online at <http://www.thephonicspage.org/On%20Reading/sightwords.html>

<sup>9</sup> Free to print and play, available online at <http://www.thephonicspage.org/On%20Phonics/concentrationgam.html>

<sup>10</sup> The main demographic resisting games are middle school students in a group setting.

<sup>11</sup> The silent reading speed tests are available at 40L's syllable spell success, page: <http://www.thephonicspage.org/On%20Reading/syllablesspellsu.html> direct link (may change, see syllables spell success page if direct link is broken.) <http://www.thephonicspage.org/On%20Reading/Resources/Reading%20speed%20tests.pdf>