

Blends

Consonant Blends – A blend is when two or more letters combine to make one sound. Unlike the digraph, the new sound is a combination of all the sounds.

Example: Break- Notice how the **b** and the **r** can still be heard individually, but combine to make one sound.

Important to note: When children segment words with blends, they need to show understanding of the individual sounds in the blend. The blend is not treated as one sound, but two different sounds.