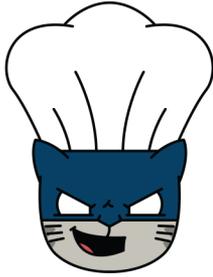


★ Say the names out loud. Trace and write the names.



Fat Cat

Fat Cat

Fat Cat

Fat Cat

Fat Cat

Fat Cat



Mad Duck

Mad Duck

Mad Duck

Mad Duck

Mad Duck

Mad Duck



Check to make sure your child has the correct pencil grip, the tripod grip, as they begin learning to write.



★ Match the word with the correct picture.

cop

dog

fog

hot

pop

mop

box

log



Every Fat Cat book contains a Word Bank at the back to help your child with unfamiliar words in the workbook.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the beginning letter.



dog



mop



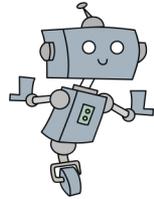
hot



pop



fog



bot



cop



pot



log



This exercise encourages kids to listen closely to the first sound of a word, a helpful step when learning to read.

★ Read the word aloud. Check the picture that matches the word.

cop



dot



hop



fog



pop



jog



hot



log



box



★ Unscramble the word. Write the word.



gfo

fog



xob

box



oth

hot



gdo

dog



ppo

pop



poc

cop



opt

pot



xof

fox



Unscrambling letters to correctly spell a word allows students to recognize spelling patterns and boosts decoding skills.

★ Write each word in the correct column with its word family.

hot mop pot log hop bot
jog stop dot pop fog dog

-og

log

jog

fog

dog

-ot

hot

pot

bot

dot

-op

mop

hop

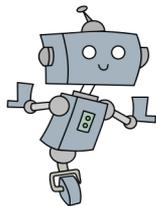
stop

pop



Word families help children recognize patterns in words, a foundational skill for reading.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the word that matches the picture.



bot box



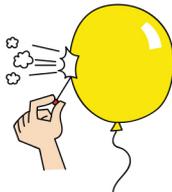
fog dog



cop mop



hot hop



pop stop



box fox



jog log



pop pot



dot dog

★ Match the word with the correct picture. Write the word.

map



ham

gas



fat

fat



lab

lab



map

mad



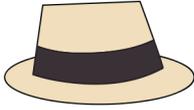
gas

ham

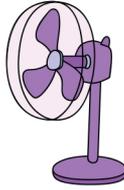


mad

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the beginning letter.



hat



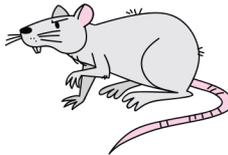
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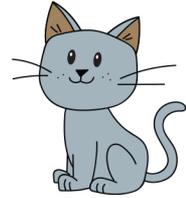
sad



lab



rat



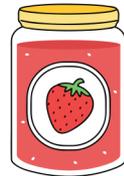
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vat

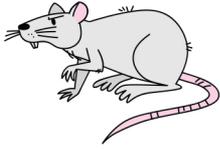


gas



jam

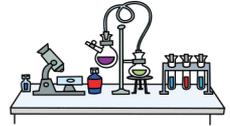
★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the ending letter.



rat



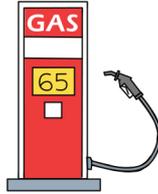
ham



lab



mad



gas



jam



van



bat



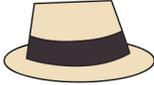
cap



Recognizing ending sounds helps early readers to distinguish the different sounds (phonemes) in a word, a key skill in decoding.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct short vowel.

a o



h a t



c o p



p o p



l a b



d o g



m a d



b a t



f o g



h o t



Identifying middle vowel sounds in short words helps beginner readers decode and pronounce words accurately.

★ Circle the word that matches the picture on the left.



ham

hat

jam



cap

cat

cop



bat

bot

box



fox

fat

fog



log

lab

rat



gas

pop

not



mad

jam

map

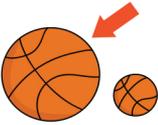


jam

van

vat

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace and write the word.



big

big



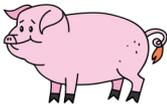
fix

fix



mix

mix



pig

pig



sip

sip



wig

wig

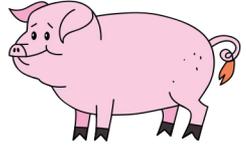
★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the beginning letter.



fix



sip



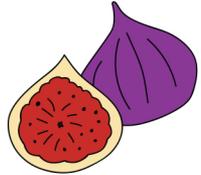
pig



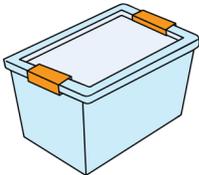
mix



wig



fig



bin



sit



dig

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the word that matches the picture.



bat big



fog fix



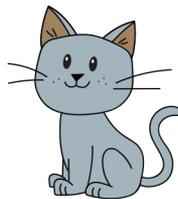
sip sit



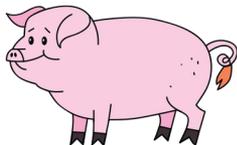
ham hat



dog dig



cop cat



pig pop



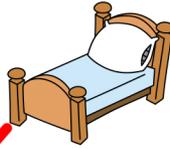
hot ham



mad mix

★ Match the word with the correct picture. Write the word.

leg



bed

red

10

ten

bed



web

hen



leg

ten



red

web

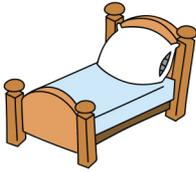


hen



Writing reinforces phonics learning by helping kids connect sounds to letters, making the relationship between spoken and written language clearer.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the beginning letter.



bed

10

ten



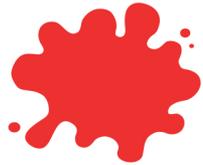
wet



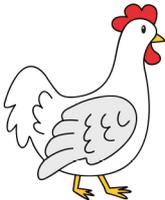
pen



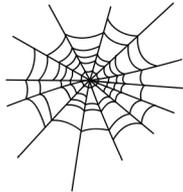
jet



red



hen



web



leg

★ Read the word aloud. Check the picture that matches the word.

red



log



hop



bed



wet



jam



pen



van



ten

10



★ Match the word with the correct picture.

sun

run

cut

bug

bun

tug

nut

up



★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct vowel.

o o



b u g



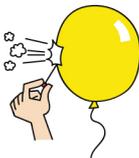
d o g



r u n



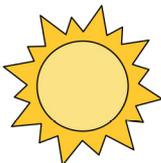
c u t



p o p



c o p



s u n



h o t



t u g

★ Read the word aloud. Check the picture that matches the word.

sun



rat



bug



ten

10



nut



up



cop



bun



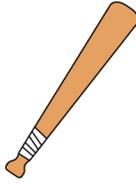
ox



★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the word under the picture.



dog



bat



run



red



wig



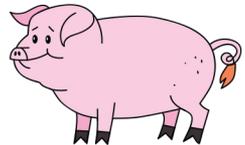
jam



cop



leg



pig

★ Match the pictures that rhyme.

The matching exercise consists of two columns of 14 pictures each. Red lines connect the following pairs of pictures that rhyme:

- Yellow balloon (left) to Yellow fan (right)
- Blue cat (left) to Blue bowl (right)
- Red splash (left) to Red ladybug (right)
- Boy and girl pulling rope (left) to Boy and girl hammering (right)
- Robot (left) to Bed (right)
- Boy hammering (left) to Boy washing (right)
- White paper (left) to White bowl (right)
- Strawberry jam (left) to Coconut (right)



Rhyming activities help children anticipate patterns in words and aids in the memory and retention of phonics skills.

★ Write the correct word in the sentence.

cap vat ham pen dog frog

Mad Duck has a vat .



Fat Cat has a ham .



Cop Cat has a frog .



Red Hen has a cap .



Bad Rat has a pen .



Duck Bot has a dog .



★ Read the sentence. Draw a line to the matching picture.

Fat Cat is **on** the bag.



Bad Rat is **in** the van.



Mad Duck is **at** the lab.



Red Hen is **at** the Hot Spot.



Bad Rat is **in** the jet.



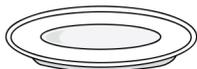
Reading simple sentences is highly beneficial for beginning readers, boosting their confidence.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

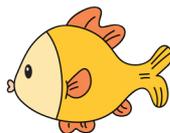
sh

sh sh sh sh sh

sh sh sh sh sh



dish



fish



trash



crash

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace and write the word.



ship

ship



shop

shop



shell

shell



dish

dish



fish

fish



cash

cash



crash

crash



trash

trash

★ Match the word with the correct picture.

duck

cash

fish

back

crash

lick

trash

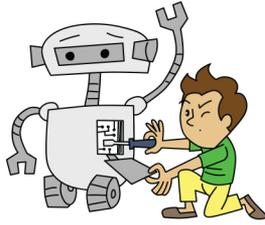
truck



★ Write the number next to the sentence that matches the picture.
Trace the word "the."



1



2



3

2 Fix the bot!

3 Mix the ink!

1 Sip the drink!



"The" is one of the most common words in the English language, appearing frequently in texts for early readers. Encourage your child to learn and recognize it instantly.

★ Learn the sight word “this.” Practice tracing “this.”

this this this this

this this this this

★ Read the sentence. Draw a line to the matching picture.

This dog is red.

This dog is big.

This dog is pink.

This dog is hot.

This dog is mad.

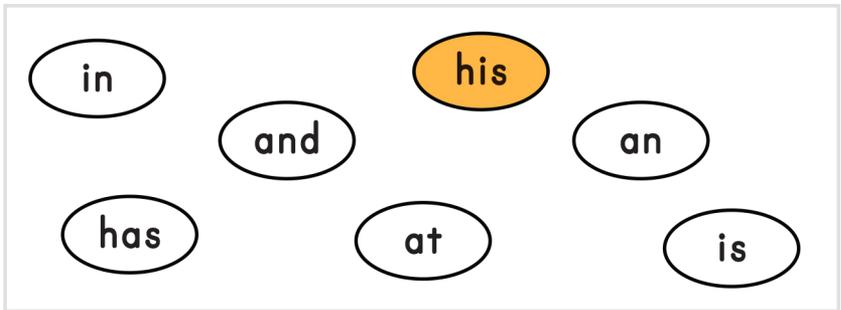


★ Learn the sight word "his." Practice tracing "his."

his his his his

his his his his

★ Color the word "his."



★ Read the sentences and color the picture.

His cap is red.

His wig is pink.

His vest is black.



If your child encounters an unfamiliar word in the workbook, such as the word "black" on this page, encourage your child to use the Word Bank at the back of the book.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

-ack

ack ack ack ack ack

ack ack ack ack ack



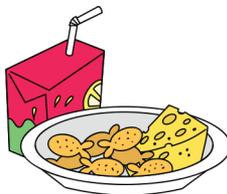
back



tack



pack



snack

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

- ick

ick ick ick ick ick

ick ick ick ick ick



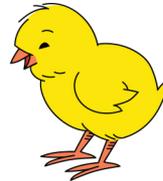
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l ick



s ick



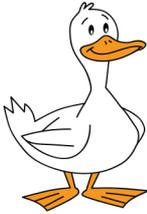
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★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

-uck

uck uck uck uck uck

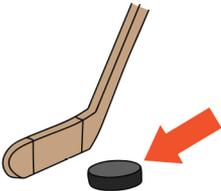
uck uck uck uck uck



duck



yuck



puck



truck

★ Match the word with the correct picture.

kick

back

sick

duck

yuck

tack

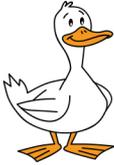
lick

pack



★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct short vowel.

a i u



duck



back



lick



yuck



kick



puck



sick



pack



tack



Teaching -ack, -ick, and -uck together helps children recognize and manipulate sound chunks ending with the digraph ck.

★ Circle the word that matches the picture on the left.



tack

duck

back



duck

puck

pack



yuck

sick

lick



chick

kick

sick



truck

puck

yuck



puck

pack

back



duck

lick

puck



back

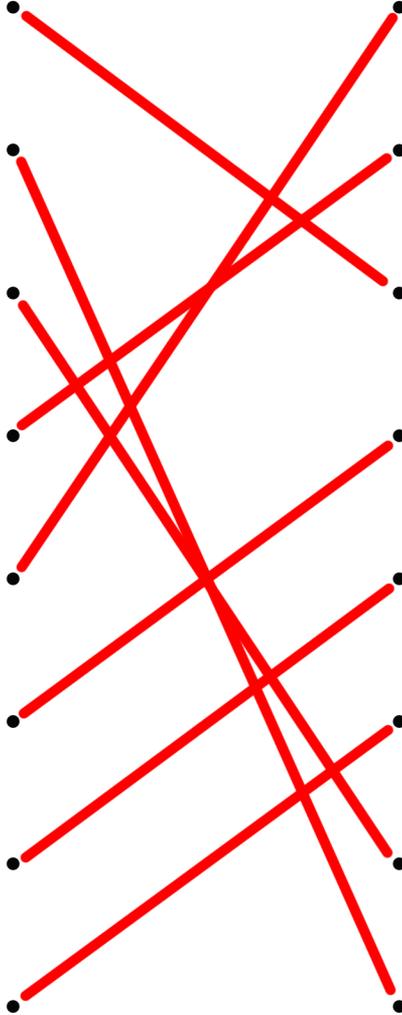
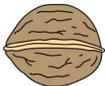
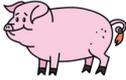
truck

tack



In this exercise, students practice differentiating words that look and sound similar, a key step in reading fluency.

★ Match the pictures that rhyme.



★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

gl

gl gl gl gl gl

gl gl gl gl gl



glad



glue

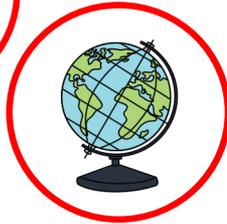
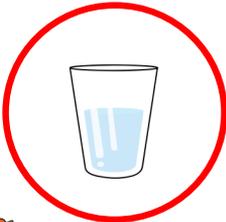
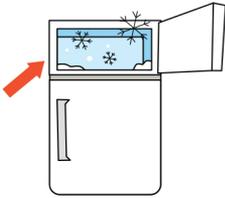
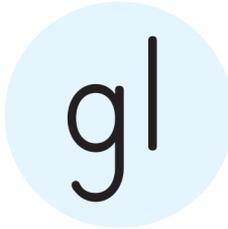


glove



glass

★ Circle the words that begin with the gl blend.



Identifying the initial sounds of a word shown in a picture helps early readers connect letters with sounds, a key step in reading success.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

s |

s | s | s | s | s |

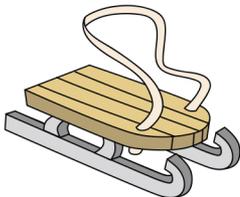
s | s | s | s | s |



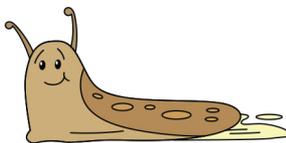
s | a m



s | i p

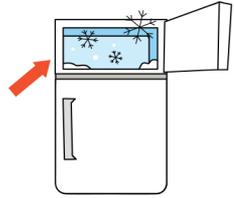


s | e d

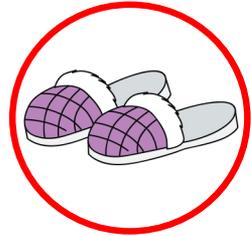
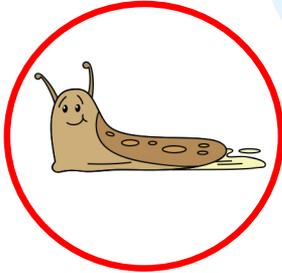


s | u g

★ Circle the words that begin with the sl blend.



sl



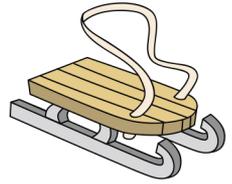
★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the beginning blend.



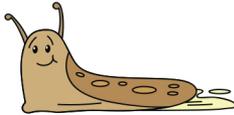
gl **sl**



gl sl



gl **sl**



gl **sl**



gl sl



gl sl



gl sl



gl **sl**



gl sl



Some of the most common two-letter consonant blends are the l blends (bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, and sl). In this book, we also introduce a three-letter consonant blend with l, spl.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

spl

spl spl spl spl spl

spl spl spl spl spl



spl at

spl at

spl at

spl at



spl ash

spl ash

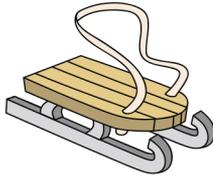
spl ash

spl ash

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the beginning blend.



gl sl



gl sl



sl spl



gl spl



gl sl



sl spl



gl sl



sl spl



sl spl



A fun way to practice the gl and gr blends with your child is to pretend to be a bear and a plane. Say the words "growl" and "glide" as you make motions like a bear and plane.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

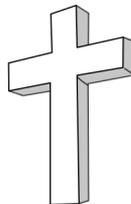
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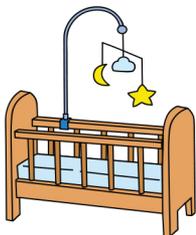
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crab



cross



crib



crash

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

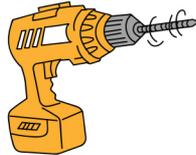
dr

dr dr dr dr dr

dr dr dr dr dr



drum



drill



dress



drink

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct beginning blend.

cr dr gl sl



slug



glad



crab



slip



drink



drill



crash



glass



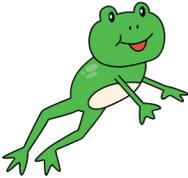
drum

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

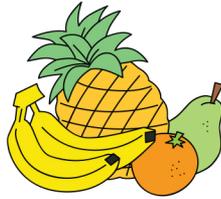
fr

fr fr fr fr fr

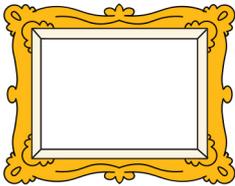
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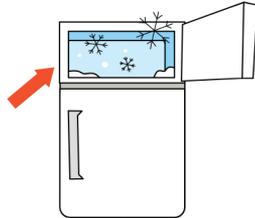
frog



fruit



frame



freezer

★ Match the word with the correct picture. Write the word.

dog



fog

fog



log

log



jog

jog



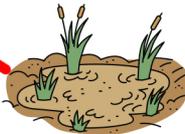
dog

bog



frog

frog



bog

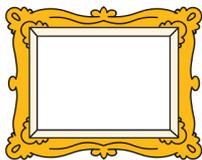


This activity presents words that end with -og. Recognizing word patterns helps kids improve reading speed and fluency.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the beginning blend.



fr dr



fr dr



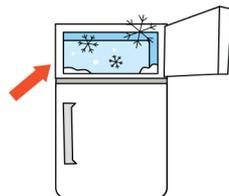
fr dr



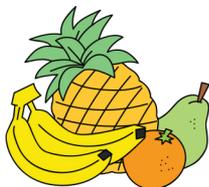
fr dr



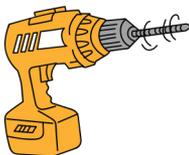
fr dr



fr dr



fr dr



fr dr



fr dr

★ Circle the picture that begins with the blend on the left.

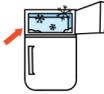
fr



dr



dr



fr



fr



dr



.



fr



dr



After children master basic letter sounds, learning consonant blends like cr, dr, and gr helps them decode more complex words.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

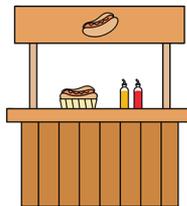
st

st st st st st

st st st st st



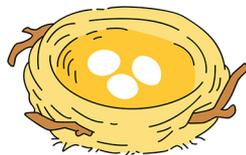
stop



stand



vest



nest

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct beginning blend.

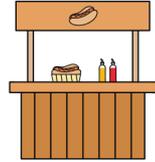
gl sl st



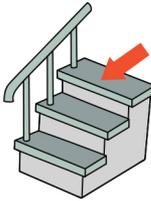
stop



slip



stand



step



sled



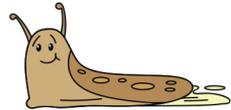
glass



slam



glad



slug

★ Match the word with the correct picture. Write the word.

vest

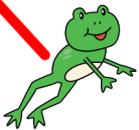
slip

frog

glad

drink

stand



sip

vest

stand

slip

frog

glad



A strong vocabulary is pivotal for learning to read. Each Fat Cat Level I book presents more than 200 decodable words for students to learn and master.

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

- and

and and and and and

and and and and and



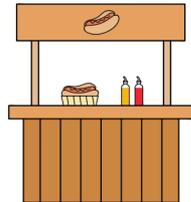
b and



s and



h and



s and

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Trace the letters.

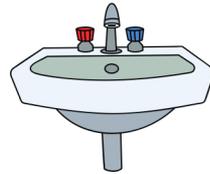
-ink

ink ink ink ink ink

ink ink ink ink ink



ink



sink



pink



drink

★ Match the word with the correct picture.

drink



sand



sink



pink



hand



stand



ink



band



Ending blends can be trickier to learn than beginning blends especially the "nasally" ones like nd, nk, and nt. Repeated practice leads to mastery.

★ Read the word aloud. Check the picture that matches the word.

sink



drink



ink



pink



wink



hand



sand



stand



band



★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Write the correct ending letters.

nd

nk

st



pink



band



sink



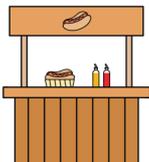
nest



hand



drink



stand



sand



vest

QUIZ 1

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?
CHECK YOUR ANSWERS AT THE BACK

12

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the word that matches the picture.



pot pop



hat hot



fix fox



cop cap



mad mix



jam jog



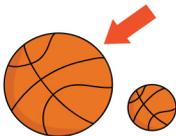
sip sit



run rat



dog dot



bat big



hat has



lab leg

QUIZ 2

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?
CHECK YOUR ANSWERS AT THE BACK

8

★ Circle the picture that rhymes with the word on the left.

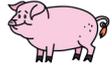
wig



red



dog



not



cop



rat



mix



jam



QUIZ 3

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?
CHECK YOUR ANSWERS AT THE BACK

9

★ Point to the picture. Say the word. Circle the correct beginning blend.



gl **sl**



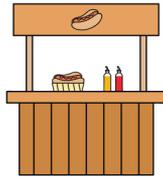
fr dr



gl sl



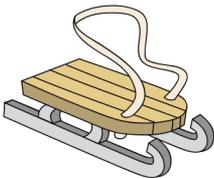
fr **dr**



sl **st**



fr **dr**



gl **sl**



st sl



gl sl

QUIZ 4

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?
CHECK YOUR ANSWERS AT THE BACK

9

★ Read the word aloud. Check the picture that matches the word.

pink



drink



vest



sand



back



lick



tack



band



ink

