

Two-Letter Starts

1st Grade

Blends — where you hear both letters, unlike a digraph.

In a blend you can still hear both sounds. In a digraph you cannot.

L BLENDS

bl — block

cl — clock

fl — flag

gl — glue

pl — plane

sl — slide

bl — blue

cl — clap

R BLENDS

br — bread

cr — crab

dr — drum

fr — frog

gr — grass

pr — prize

tr — train

br — brush

S BLENDS

sc — scarf

sk — skate

sm — smile

sn — snail

sp — spoon

st — star

sw — swing

sl — sleep

Blend: both sounds survive (st in star). Digraph: a new sound appears (sh in ship).