

Blends and digraphs

Blends are sounds that have regular letter combinations (i.e. they are spelt consistently). Each letter name sound can be heard in a blend.

This sound group includes:

str

stretch OR string

pl

play OR place

cr

cry OR crowd

Both 'p' and 'l' in 'pl' can be heard; 's', 't' and 'r' can be heard in 'str', etc. Listen carefully to the way each letter sound runs into the next one. There are two- and three-letter blends.

Digraphs are single sounds. There are always two letters in a digraph.

The digraph sound group includes:

sh

shave OR shop

ch

chicken OR chip

th

than OR then