

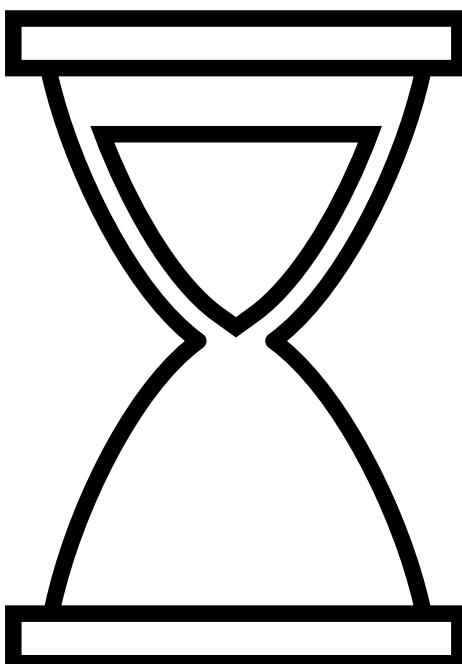
Guided Phonics + Beyond Unit 7 Aligned

SCIENCE OF READING

BLENDING

10 INCLUDED DRILLS

*phonics-based and
fully decodable*



SCIENCE OF READING BLENDING ■ -tch and -dge Blending Drills

The Science of Reading Blending Drills are phonics-based exercises aimed at enhancing fluency and accuracy in early readers. This resource features 10 engaging drills that cover various blending techniques: successive blending, sound-by-sound blending and sentence pyramids. Each drill is designed to foster automaticity and confidence, with full-color and black-and-white versions. With over 30 pages, it serves as a valuable tool for small-group instruction or independent practice. [**LISTEN MORE HERE.**](#)

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Activity 1: Successive Builders

Fluency Blending Drills: Successive Builders tch

h	c
ha	ca
hatch	catch
→	→
p	l
pa	la
patch	latch
→	→
p	h
pi	hi
pitch	hitch
→	→

Name: _____

tch



h	c
ha	ca
hatch	catch
→	→
p	l
pa	la
patch	latch
→	→
p	h
pi	hi
pitch	hitch
→	→

Students use successive blending to read each word. Successive blending is a strategy where students blend sounds one at a time to gradually form a word.

Activity 2: Blend It Again

Fluency Blending Drills: Blend It Again tch

hatch	match
→	→
patch	latch
→	→
witch	hitch
→	→
→	→

Name: _____

tch



hatch	match
→	→
patch	latch
→	→
witch	hitch
→	→
→	→

Students blend through the word three times. For each read-through, students will place a checkmark in the box. This drill embeds repeated reading and builds fluency.

Activity 3: Word Builders

Fluency Blending Drills: Word Builders tch

h → a → tch	c → a → tch
ha → tch	ca → tch
hatch	catch
→	→
p → a → tch	l → a → tch
pa → tch	la → tch
patch	latch
→	→
w → i → tch	h → i → tch
wi → tch	hi → tch
witch	hitch
→	→

Name: _____

tch



h → a → tch	c → a → tch
ha → tch	ca → tch
hatch	catch
→	→
p → a → tch	l → a → tch
pa → tch	la → tch
patch	latch
→	→
w → i → tch	h → i → tch
wi → tch	hi → tch
witch	hitch
→	→

Students use successive and continuous blending to stretch the vowel before adding the final sound to read the full word.

Activity 4: Sounds-to-Word

Fluency Blending Drills: Sounds-to-Word tch

h ● a ● tch	ha ● tch	hatch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
c ● a ● tch	ca ● tch	catch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
p ● a ● tch	pa ● tch	patch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
l ● a ● tch	la ● tch	latch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
w ● i ● tch	pi ● tch	pitch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
h ● i ● tch	hi ● tch	hitch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→

Name: _____

tch



h ● a ● tch	ha ● tch	hatch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
c ● a ● tch	ca ● tch	catch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
p ● a ● tch	pa ● tch	patch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
l ● a ● tch	la ● tch	latch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
w ● i ● tch	pi ● tch	pitch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→
h ● i ● tch	hi ● tch	hitch
● ● ●	● ● ●	→

Students apply successive blending in a horizontal format, connecting each sound left to right to read and re-blend the full word. The drill utilizes tracking dots for assistance.

Activity 5: Sound-Focused

Fluency Blending Drills: Beginning Sounds

h	h	h	h	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
c	c	c	c	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	p	p	p	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
l	l	l	l	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	p	p	p	i	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
h	h	h	h	i	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→

Name:

h	h	h	tch	hatch
•	•	•	•	→
c	c	c	a	tch
•	•	•	•	→
p	p	p	a	tch
•	•	•	•	→
l	l	l	a	tch
•	•	•	•	→
p	p	p	i	tch
•	•	•	•	→
h	h	h	i	tch
•	•	•	•	→

Students focus on a beginning, medial, or ending sound that they repeat it and then blend the word.

Activity 6: Slide the Sound

Fluency Blending Drills: Slide the Sound

h	a	tch	hatch
•	•	•	→
m	a	tch	match
•	•	•	→
c	a	tch	catch
•	•	•	→
l	a	tch	latch
•	•	•	→
w	i	tch	witch
•	•	•	→
h	i	tch	hitch
•	•	•	→

Name:

h	a	tch	hatch
•	•	•	→
m	a	tch	match
•	•	•	→
c	a	tch	catch
•	•	•	→
l	a	tch	latch
•	•	•	→
w	i	tch	witch
•	•	•	→
h	i	tch	hitch
•	•	•	→

Students slide their finger or object through each sound as they state it and then blend the word together.

Activity 7: Sound-by-Sound

Fluency Blending Drills: Sound-by-Sound

h	a	tch	m	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	a	tch	l	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	i	tch	h	i	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→

Name:

h	a	tch	m	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	a	tch	l	a	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→
p	i	tch	h	i	tch
•	•	•	•	•	→

Students blend each word sound-by-sound. Then, students read through the word using fluency.

Activity 8: Sentences

Fluency Blending Drills: Sentences

A chick did hatch.				
•	•	•	•	•
Match them up.				
•	•	•	•	•
I can play catch.				
•	•	•	•	•
Close the latch.				
•	•	•	•	•
The witch is old.				
•	•	•	•	•
Pitch it to him.				
•	•	•	•	•

Name:

A chick did hatch.				
•	•	•	•	•
Match them up.				
•	•	•	•	•
I can play catch.				
•	•	•	•	•
Close the latch.				
•	•	•	•	•
The witch is old.				
•	•	•	•	•
Pitch it to him.				
•	•	•	•	•

Students read the sentence, tapping the tracking dots to state each word and reread with fluency.

Activity 9: Sentence Pyramids

Fluency Blending Drills: Pyramids

The The little The little bird The little bird did The little bird did hatch.	Light Light the Light the match Light the match for Light the match for me.
Can Can you Can you catch Can you catch the Can you catch the bus?	There There is There is an There is an ice There is an ice patch.
Did Did you Did you shut Did you shut the Did you shut the latch?	Hitch Hitch it Hitch it to Hitch it to the Hitch it to the back.

Name:

The The little The little bird The little bird did The little bird did hatch.	Light Light the Light the match Light the match for Light the match for me.
Can Can you Can you catch Can you catch the Can you catch the bus?	There There is There is an There is an ice There is an ice patch.
Did Did you Did you shut Did you shut the Did you shut the latch?	Hitch Hitch it Hitch it to Hitch it to the Hitch it to the back.

Students build fluency by reading sentences word by word, adding a new word on each line.

Activity 10: Sentence Phrases

Fluency Blending Drills: Sentence Phrases

Make sure	you	lock	the hatch.
Make sure you	lock	the	hatch.
Make sure you lock	the	hatch.	
I fell	on	the	ice patch.
I fell on	the	ice	patch.
I fell on the	ice	patch.	
The witch	had	a	black hat.
The witch had	a	black	hat.
The witch had a	black	hat.	
He will	pitch	at	the game.
He will pitch	at	the	game.
He will pitch at	the	game.	

Name:

Make sure	you	lock	the hatch.
Make sure you	lock	the	hatch.
Make sure you lock	the	hatch.	
I fell	on	the	ice patch.
I fell on the	ice	patch.	
I fell on the ice	patch.		
The witch	had	a	black hat.
The witch had	a	black	hat.
The witch had a	black	hat.	
He will	pitch	at	the game.
He will pitch	at	the	game.
He will pitch at	the	game.	

Student read phrases within the sentence, building fluency as they work to read the entire sentence.

Fluency Blending Drills: Successive Builders

tch

h

ha

hatch

c

ca

catch

p

pa

patch

l

la

latch

p

pi

pitch

h

hi

hitch



Fluency Blending Drills: Successive Builders

dge

h

he

hedge

i

le

ledge

l

lo

lodge

j

ju

judge

n

nu

nudge

b

ba

badge

hatch



match



patch

latch

witch

hitch

Fluency Blending Drills: Blend It Again

dge

hedge



lodge



fudge



nudge



badge



wedge



Fluency Blending Drills: Word Builders

tch

h → a → tch

ha → tch

hatch

p → a → tch

pa → tch

patch

w → i → tch

wi → tch

witch

c → a → tch

ca → tch

catch

l → a → tch

la → tch

latch

h → i → tch

hi → tch

hitch

Fluency Blending Drills: Word Builders

dge

h → e → dge

he → dge

hedge

j → u → dge

ju → dge

judge

b → a → dge

ba → dge

badge

l → o → dge

lo → dge

lodge

n → u → dge

nu → dge

nudge

w → e → dge

we → dge

wedge

Fluency Blending Drills: Sounds-to-Word

tch

h	a	tch
•	•	•

ha	tch
→	•

hatch
→

c	a	tch
•	•	•

ca	tch
→	•

catch
→

p	a	tch
•	•	•

pa	tch
→	•

patch
→

l	a	tch
•	•	•

la	tch
→	•

latch
→

p	i	tch
•	•	•

pi	tch
→	•

pitch
→

h	i	tch
•	•	•

hi	tch
→	•

hitch
→

Fluency Blending Drills: Sounds-to-Word

dge

h	e	dge
•	•	•

he	dge
→	•

hedge
→

l	e	dge
•	•	•

le	dge
→	•

ledge
→

l	o	dge
•	•	•

lo	dge
→	•

lodge
→

j	u	dge
•	•	•

ju	dge
→	•

judge
→

b	a	dge
•	•	•

ba	dge
→	•

badge
→

w	e	dge
•	•	•

we	dge
→	•

wedge
→

Fluency Blending Drills: Beginning Sounds

tch

h h h h a tch

c c c c a tch

p p p p a tch

l l l l a tch

p p p p i tch

h h h h i tch

Fluency Blending Drills: Beginning Sounds

dge

h h h h e dge

l l l l e dge

f f f f u dge

n n n n u dge

b b b b a dge

w w w w e dge

Fluency Blending Drills: Middle Sounds

tch

a a a h a tch
● ● ● —————→

a a a m a tch
● ● ● —————→

a a a p a tch
● ● ● —————→

a a a l a tch
● ● ● —————→

i i i w i tch
● ● ● —————→

i i i h i tch
● ● ● —————→

Fluency Blending Drills: Middle Sounds

dge

e e e

● ● ●

h e dge



e e e

● ● ●

l e dge



u u u

● ● ●

f u dge



u u u

● ● ●

n u dge



a a a

● ● ●

b a dge



e e e

● ● ●

w e dge



tch tch tch



h a tch



tch tch tch



c a tch



tch tch tch



p a tch



tch tch tch



l a tch



tch tch tch



w i tch



tch tch tch



p i tch



dge dge dge



h e dge



dge dge dge



l e dge



dge dge dge



l o dge



dge dge dge



f u dge



dge dge dge



b a dge



dge dge dge



w e dge



Fluency Blending Drills: Slide the Sound

tch

h



a



tch



hatch



m



a



tch



match



c



a



tch



catch



l



a



tch



latch



w



i



tch



witch



h



i



tch



hitch



Fluency Blending Drills: Slide the Sound

dge

h



e



dge



hedge



l



e



dge



ledge



l



o



dge



lodge



f



u



dge



fudge



b



a



dge



badge



w



e



dge

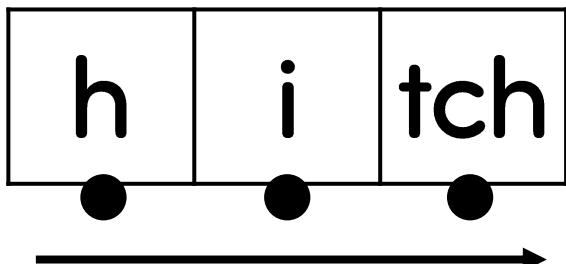
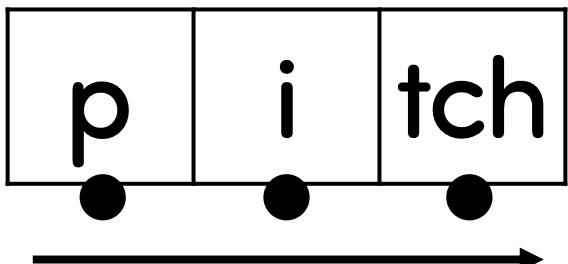
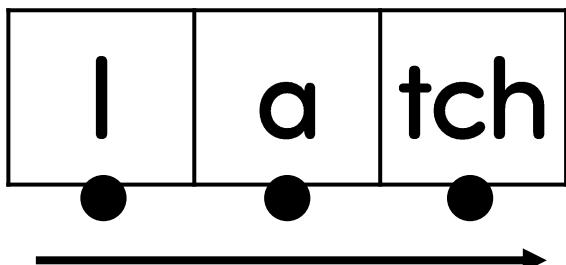
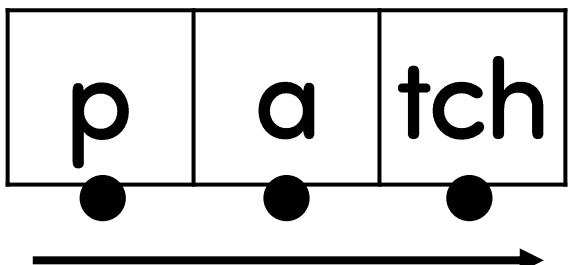
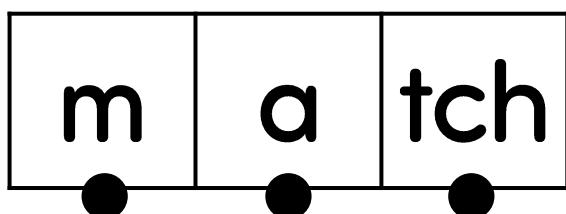
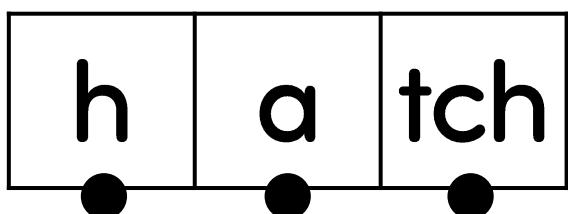
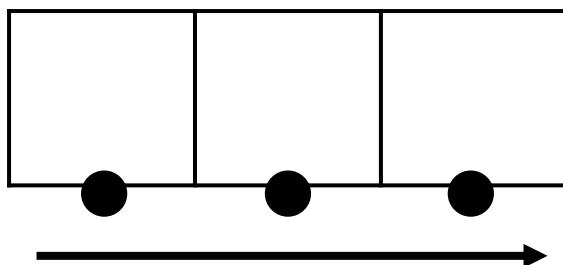
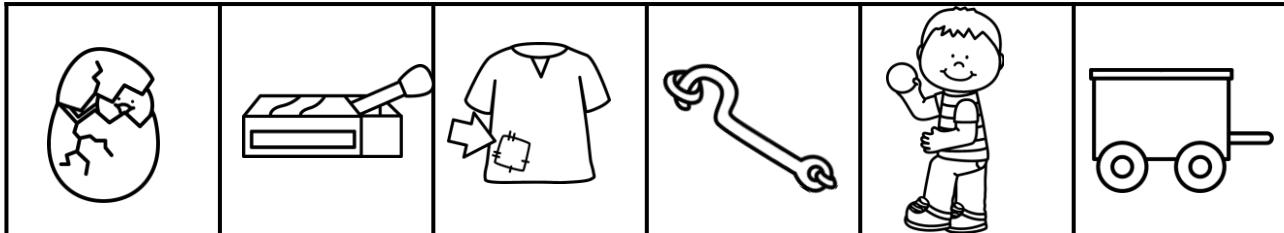


wedge



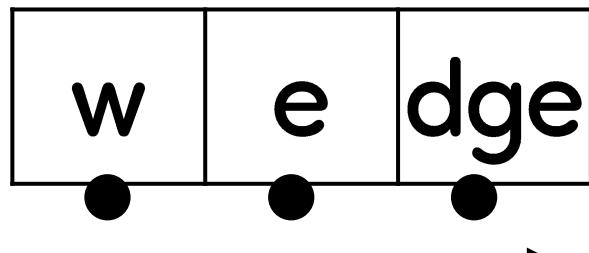
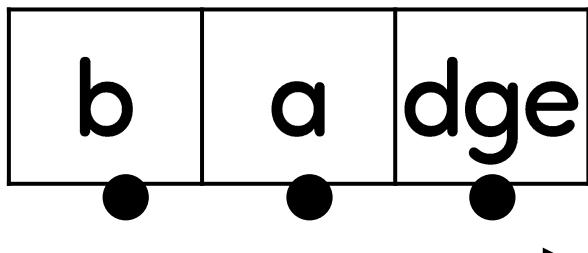
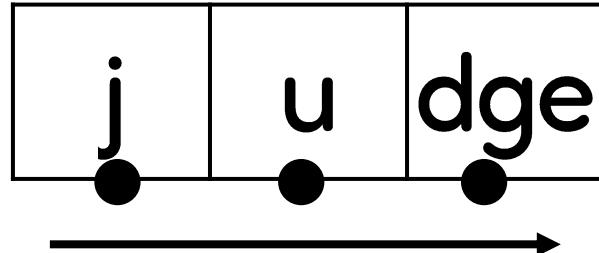
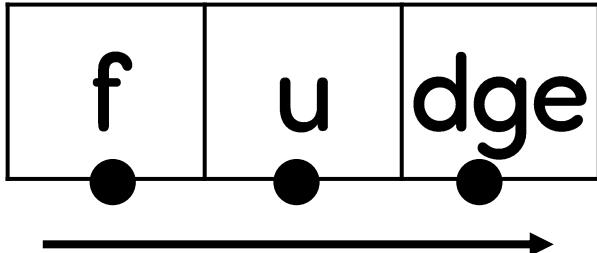
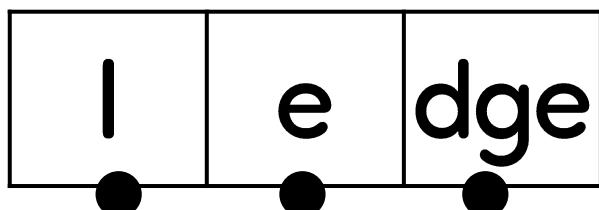
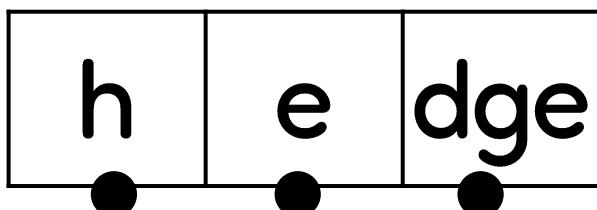
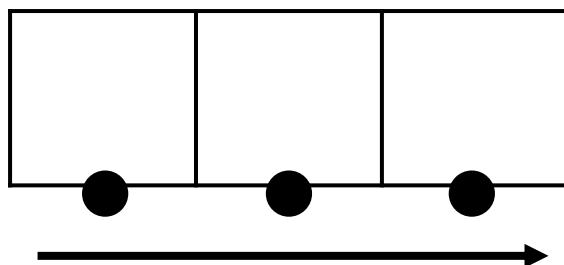
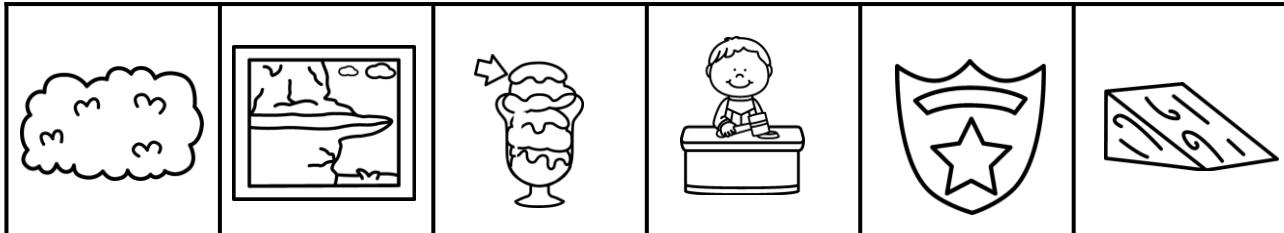
Fluency Blending Drills: Sound-by-Sound

tch



Fluency Blending Drills: Sound-by-Sound

dge



A chick did hatch.

• • • •

Match them up.

• • • •

I can play catch.

• • • •

Close the latch.

• • •

The witch is old.

• • • •

Pitch it to him.

• • • •

The hedge is tall.

• • • •

It is on the ledge.

• • • • •

Go to the lodge.

• • • •

The fudge is good.

• • • •

Give him a nudge.

• • • •

Wedge it in there.

• • • •

Fluency Blending Drills: Pyramids

tch

The

The little

The little bird

The little bird did

The little bird did hatch.

Light

Light the

Light the match

Light the match for

Light the match for me.

Can

Can you

Can you catch

Can you catch the

Can you catch the bus?

There

There is

There is an

There is an ice

There is an ice patch.

Did

Did you

Did you shut

Did you shut the

Did you shut the latch?

Hitch

Hitch it

Hitch it to

Hitch it to the

Hitch it to the back.

Fluency Blending Drills: Pyramids

dge

Dad

Dad will

Dad will trim

Dad will trim the

Dad will trim the hedge.

He

He fell

He fell off

He fell off the

He fell off the ledge.

I

I like

I like to

I like to eat

I like to eat fudge.

A

A judge

A judge has

A judge has a

A judge has a robe.

She

She got

She got a

She got a new

She got a new badge.

I

I ate

I ate a

I ate a cheese

I ate a cheese wedge.

Fluency Blending Drills: Sentence Phrases

tch

Make sure you lock the hatch.

Make sure you lock the hatch.

Make sure you lock the hatch.

I fell on the ice patch.

I fell on the ice patch.

I fell on the ice patch.

The witch had a black hat.

The witch had a black hat.

The witch had a black hat.

He will pitch at the game.

He will pitch at the game.

He will pitch at the game.

Fluency Blending Drills: Sentence Phrases

dge

Can you help trim the hedge?

Can you help trim the hedge?

Can you help trim the hedge?

Do not fall off the ledge.

Do not fall off the ledge.

Do not fall off the ledge.

We will stay at the lodge.

We will stay at the lodge.

We will stay at the lodge.

I got a new gold badge.

I got a new gold badge.

I got a new gold badge.

black/white version

Name: _____

tch



h

ha

hatch

c

ca

catch

p

pa

patch

l

la

latch

p

pi

pitch

h

hi

hitch



Name: _____

dge



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hedge

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ledge

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lodge

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judge

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nu

nudge

b

ba

badge

Name: _____

tch



hatch



match



patch



latch



witch



hitch



Name: _____

dge



hedge



lodge



fudge



nudge



badge



wedge



Name: _____

tch



h → a → tch

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pa → tch

la → tch

patch

latch

w → i → tch

h → i → tch

wi → tch

hi → tch

witch

hitch

Name: _____

dge



h → e → dge

he → dge

hedge

j → u → dge

ju → dge

judge

b → a → dge

ba → dge

badge

l → o → dge

lo → dge

lodge

n → u → dge

nu → dge

nudge

w → e → dge

we → dge

wedge

Name: _____

tch



h	a	tch
•	•	•

ha	tch
→	•

hatch
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c	a	tch
•	•	•

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catch
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p	a	tch
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patch
→

l	a	tch
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latch
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→	•

pitch
→

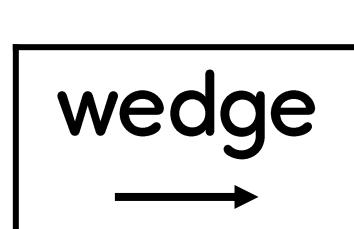
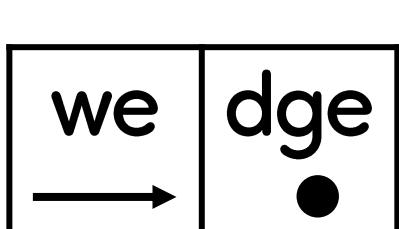
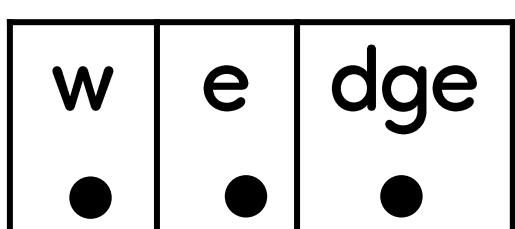
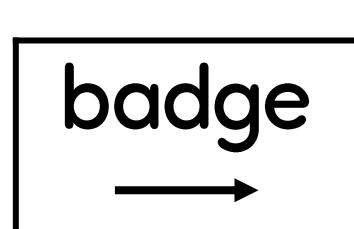
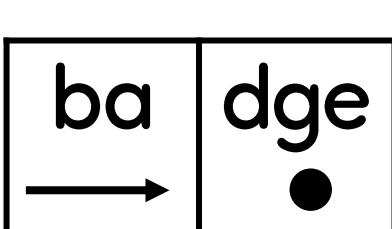
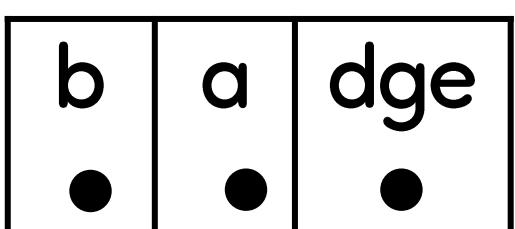
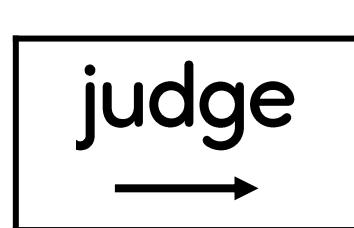
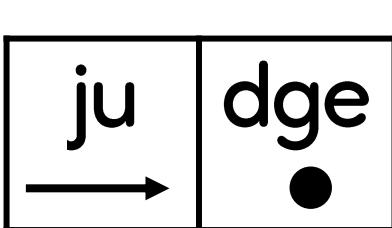
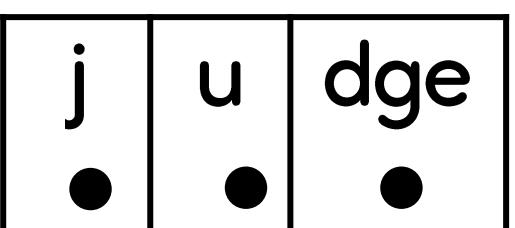
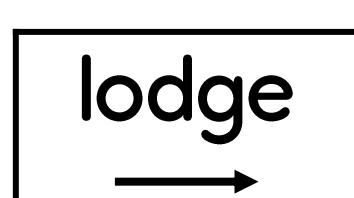
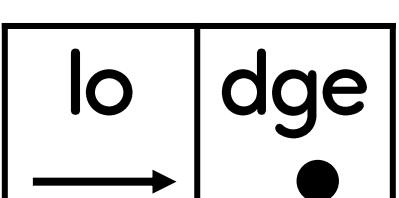
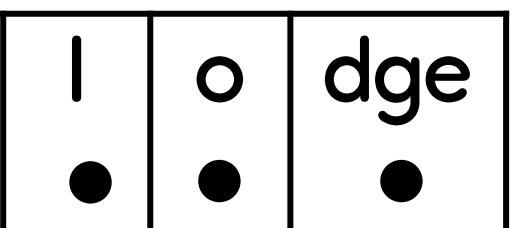
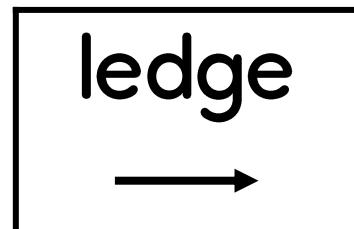
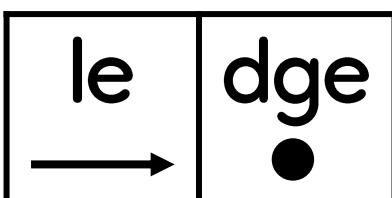
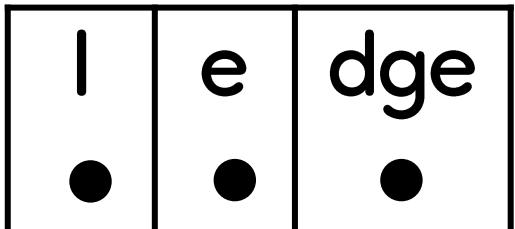
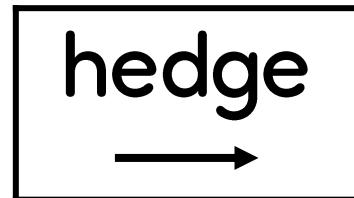
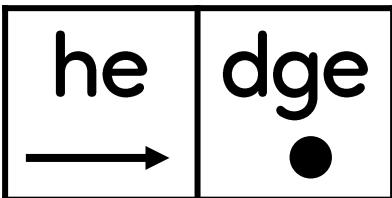
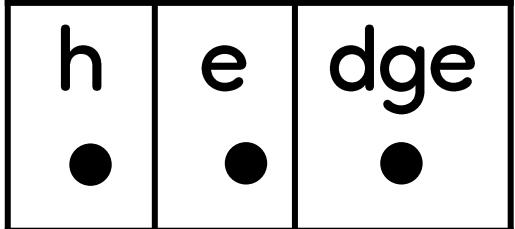
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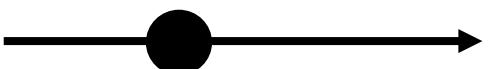
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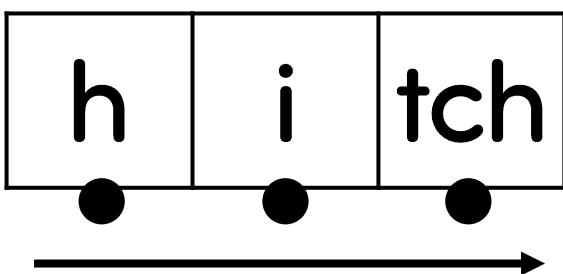
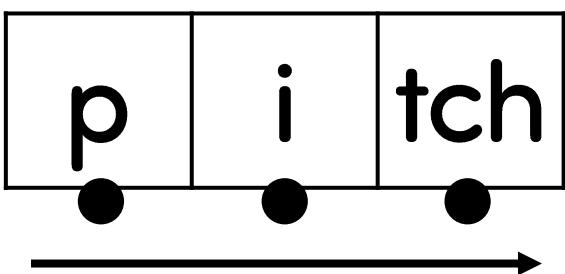
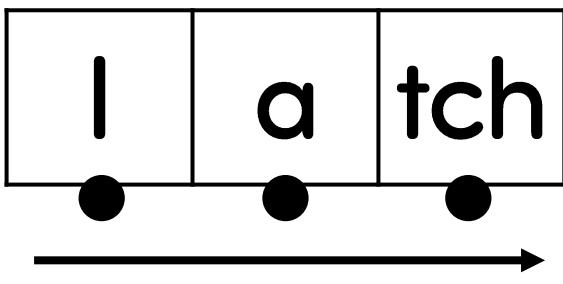
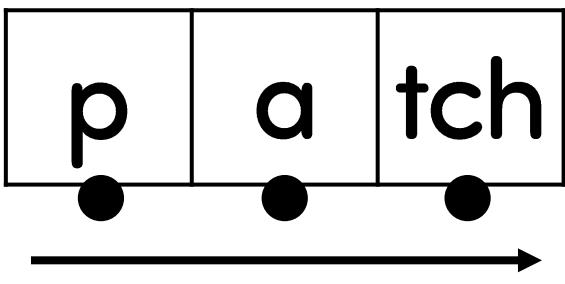
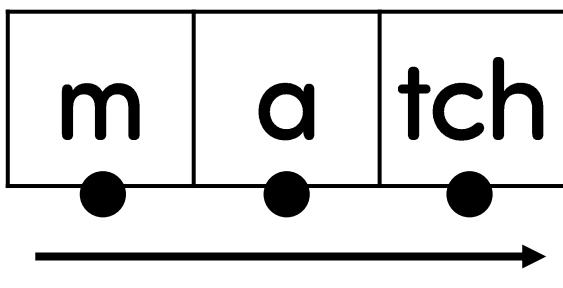
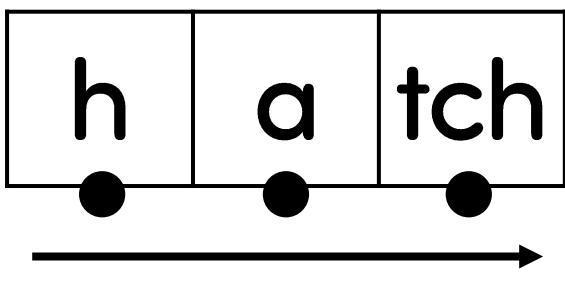
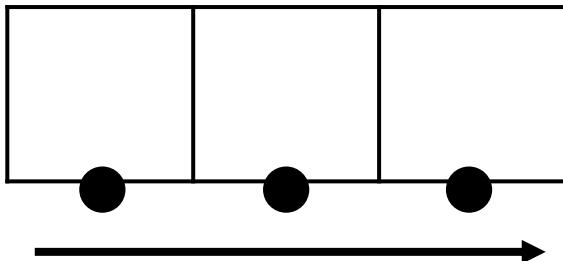
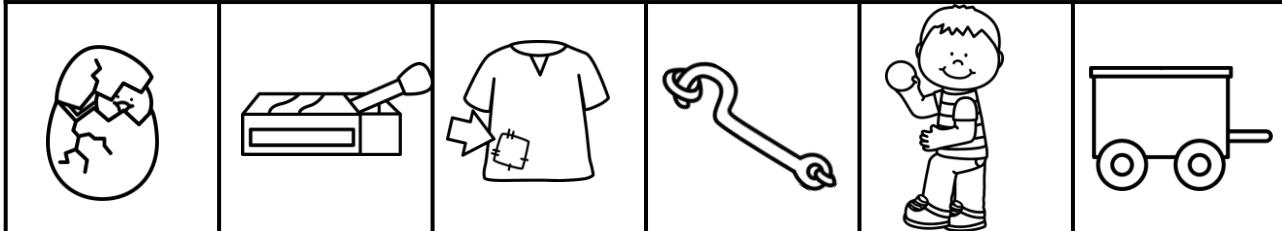
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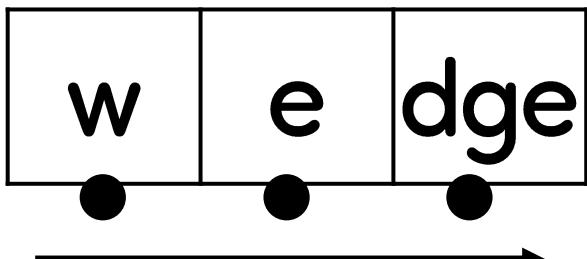
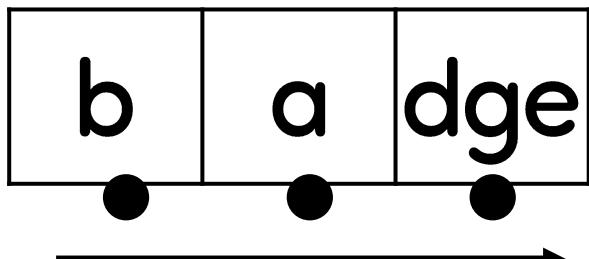
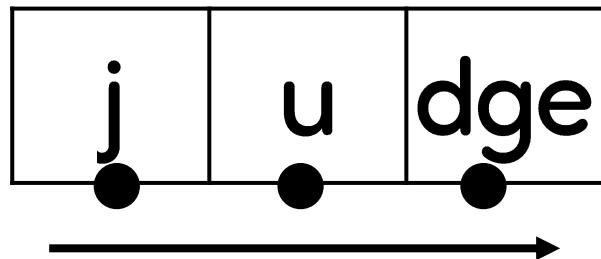
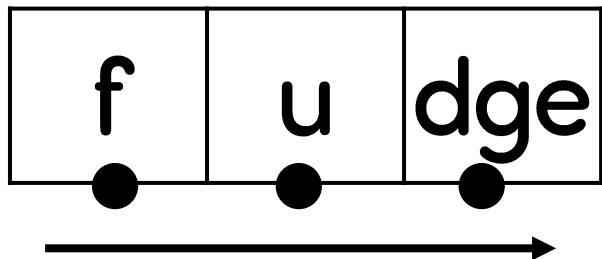
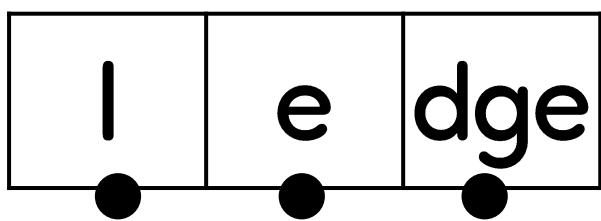
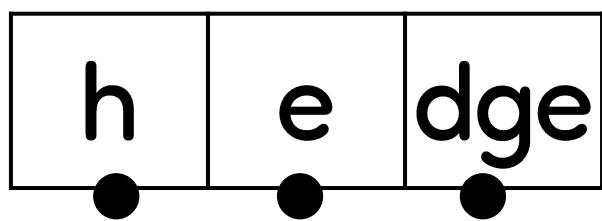
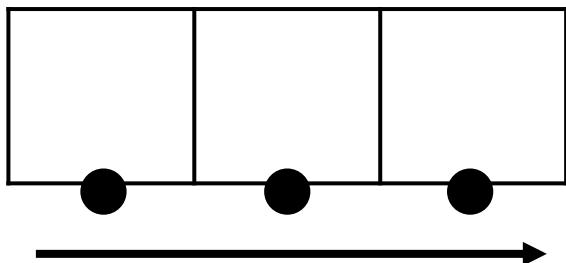
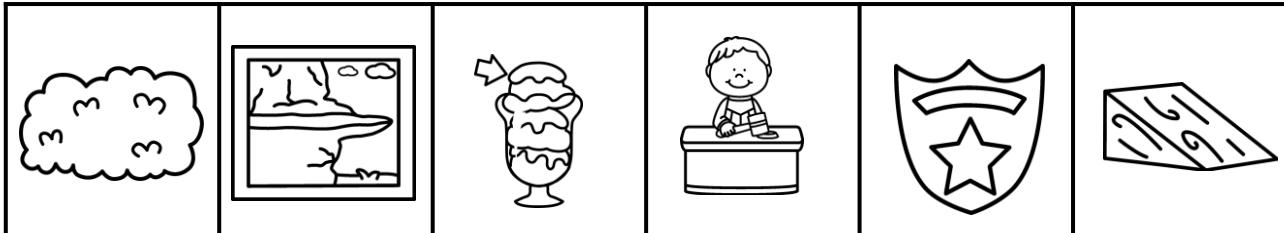
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A chick did hatch.



Match them up.



I can play catch.



Close the latch.



The witch is old.



Pitch it to him.



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The hedge is tall.



It is on the ledge.



Go to the lodge.



The fudge is good.



Give him a nudge.



Wedge it in there.



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The

The little

The little bird

The little bird did

The little bird did hatch.

Light

Light the

Light the match

Light the match for

Light the match for me.

Can

Can you

Can you catch

Can you catch the

Can you catch the bus?

There

There is

There is an

There is an ice

There is an ice patch.

Did

Did you

Did you shut

Did you shut the

Did you shut the latch?

Hitch

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Hitch it to the back.

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Dad

Dad will

Dad will trim

Dad will trim the

Dad will trim the hedge.

He

He fell

He fell off

He fell off the

He fell off the ledge.

I

I like

I like to

I like to eat

I like to eat fudge.

A

A judge

A judge has

A judge has a

A judge has a robe.

She

She got

She got a

She got a new

She got a new badge.

I

I ate

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I ate a cheese

I ate a cheese wedge.

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Make sure you lock the hatch.

Make sure you lock the hatch.

Make sure you lock the hatch.

I fell on the ice patch.

I fell on the ice patch.

I fell on the ice patch.

The witch had a black hat.

The witch had a black hat.

The witch had a black hat.

He will pitch at the game.

He will pitch at the game.

He will pitch at the game.

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Can you help trim the hedge?

Can you help trim the hedge?

Can you help trim the hedge?

Do not fall off the ledge.

Do not fall off the ledge.

Do not fall off the ledge.

We will stay at the lodge.

We will stay at the lodge.

We will stay at the lodge,

I got a new gold badge.

I got a new gold badge.

I got a new gold badge.



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