

Consonant Blends: Word Lists, Typical Ages, and How to Help at Home

When do kids typically master each type of blend?

Blend group	Examples	Typically mastered by
L-blends	bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl	Age 4 to 6
S-blends	sp, st, sk, sn, sm, sw	Age 4.5 to 7
R-blends	br, cr, dr, fr, gr, tr	Age 4.5 to 7

Word lists to practice at home

Blend	Practice words
bl	blue, blanket, blow
cl	clap, clock, clean
fl	flag, flower, fly
gl	glue, glass, glow
pl	play, plate, plane
sl	sled, slide, sleep
sp	spoon, spider, spot
st	star, stop, stairs
sk	skip, sky, skate
sn	snake, snow, snack
sm	smile, small, smell
sw	swim, swing, sweet
br	brush, bread, brown
cr	cry, crab, crayon
dr	drum, dress, drink
fr	frog, fries, friend
gr	green, grape, grow
tr	truck, tree, train