

# Really Good Stuff® Teaching Guide

## Slide and Learn™ Caterpillars: Blends and Digraphs

Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff® **Slide and Learn Caterpillars™: Blends and Digraphs**, a fun practice tool for students learning these patterns.

### Meeting Common Core State Standards

Really Good Stuff **Slide and Learn Caterpillars: Blends and Digraphs** aligns with the following English Language Arts Standards:

#### Phonics and Word Recognition

**RF.1.3** Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

- a. Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs and blends.

This Really Good Stuff product includes:

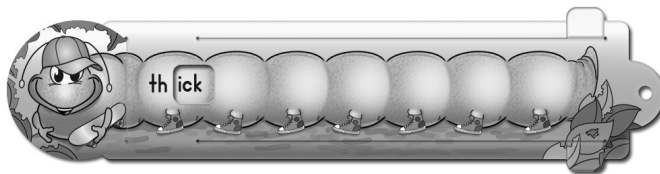
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Substituting beginning blends and digraphs to create new words is an important spelling skill for learning these consonant patterns. The cute **Slide and Learn Caterpillars** provide a fun interactive format for word building that will keep students engaged.

A blend or digraph is printed on each slider. As students pull the slider, they line up each ending phonogram in the window next to the blend or digraph. As they create new words, the caterpillar grows.

### Managing the Slide and Learn Caterpillars

- Visit our Web site [www.reallygoodstuff.com](http://www.reallygoodstuff.com) to download Really Good Stuff Teaching Guides.
- The **Slide and Learn Caterpillars** are attached to a ring so you can hang them up. Keeping them in alphabetical order and separating blends, complex blends, and digraphs will enable you to easily find the blend or digraph you want.



### Introducing Slide and Learn Caterpillars

After you have taught the concept of word building with blends and digraphs, students will be ready for **Slide and Learn Caterpillars**. First, review how blends and digraphs work. Write a blend or digraph as two (or three) separate consonants on the board and have the group say their sounds with you. Then, put the consonants together and have the group repeatedly say the blend or digraph with you.

Next, review the concept that a word is made up of an onset and a rime, or *phonogram*. Write one blend or digraph eight to ten times in a column on the board. Fill in the first ending phonogram. Demonstrate combining the blend or digraph with the phonogram as you read the first word. Then, have students help you fill in additional phonograms and read the remaining words.

Show students the two different slider designs. Have some fun talking about the caterpillars, their accessories, and their personalities. Talk about real caterpillars, how they move around on leg-like prolegs, which are actually just grippers. Tell students that caterpillars are in the fast-growing stage of the butterfly's life cycle. They eat constantly because they must grow very quickly in the short couple of weeks before becoming butterflies. Tell students that they will help the **Slide and Learn Caterpillars** grow. Show them that every time you move the slider to pull out a new phonogram to line up with the blend or digraph, a new word is formed and the caterpillar gets longer. As you slide, read each word together.

Next, have a student volunteer work the slider as the group reads each word and you record it on the board in a column. Then, have the group read the words in the column with you three or four times. Point to each word as you read, slightly increasing the speed each time through. Use the words in short, simple sentences, and ask students to do the same. Record sentences and underline the blend or digraph words. Repeated exposure is key to integrating phonetic patterns.

Repeat the process with other sliders before having students use **Slide and Learn Caterpillars** on their own. Introduce at least five new blends or digraphs each week, and regularly review previously studied patterns.

### Related Really Good Stuff Products

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Slide and Learn™ Caterpillars: CVCC Word Families (#306344)

Word Blender Poster and Magnets Kit (#161421)

Essential Word Sorts™ for the Primary Grades (#304845)

**Blends and Digraphs in This Set**
**bl**

black  
blade  
blend  
blimp  
blink  
block  
blush

**cl**

clap  
clay  
clean  
click  
clip  
clock  
clog

**fl**

flame  
flat  
flight  
flip  
floss  
flush  
flute

**gl**

glad  
glaze  
glen  
glide  
glob  
glow  
glum

**pl**

plan  
play  
pleat  
plink  
plot  
plug  
plump

**sl**

slam  
slate  
sled  
slide  
slip  
slot  
slug

**br**

brag  
brain  
brake  
brick  
bride  
broke  
brush

**cr**

crab  
crank  
creek  
crib  
crop  
crush  
crust

**dr**

drag  
draw  
dream  
drip  
drop  
drug  
drum

**fr**

frame  
fresh  
frill  
frog  
frost  
fruit  
fry

**gr**

grab  
grain  
green  
grill  
grip  
grove  
grunt

**pr**

prank  
press  
price  
pride  
print  
prop  
prune

**tr**

trap  
tray  
treat  
trick  
trip  
trot  
trunk

**sc**

scab  
scale  
scan  
scoop  
score  
scout  
scuff

**sk**

skate  
sketch  
skill  
skin  
skip  
skunk  
sky

**sm**

smart  
smash  
smell  
smile  
smog  
smoke  
smug

**sn**

snag  
snake  
sneak  
snip  
snore  
snow  
snug

**sp**

span  
spent  
spice  
spit  
spoke  
spot  
spun

**st**

stand  
stay  
steam  
still  
stop  
stuck  
stun

**sw**

swam  
sway  
swell  
swim  
swing  
swoop  
swung

**ch**

chain  
chat  
chest  
chill  
chip  
chop  
chug

**sh**

shack  
shake  
shell  
ship  
shock  
shot  
shut

**th**

thank  
thick  
thin  
thing  
third  
thorn  
thump

**wh**

whack  
whale  
wheel  
when  
whine  
whip  
why

**scr**

scram  
scrap  
scrape  
scratch  
scream  
screw  
scrub

**shr**

shrank  
shred  
shrimp  
shrine  
shrink  
shrub  
shrug

**spl**

splash  
splat  
spleen  
splint  
split  
splotch  
splurge

**spr**

sprain  
spray  
spreed  
spring  
sprint  
sprout  
sprung

**str**

strap  
straw  
stream  
street  
strip  
stroke  
struck

**thr**

three  
threw  
thrift  
thrill  
throat  
throw  
thrust