

11-29-2018 Advanced Lesson

Pronunciation: Two consonants together that make one sound are called consonant blends. Practice these consonant blends until you can say them smoothly:

pray - tray - play - flay - slay      scoop - score - scum - scurry - scamper  
bleep - sleep - creep      scribble - scruffy - scrawny - scratch - screech  
slip - slither - slide - sleeve      brain - crane - drain - grain - train  
frantic - freezer - frivolous      prune - protect - privacy - privilege  
smash - smidgen - smelly      snore - snake - snail - snazzy  
twelve - twenty - twice - twilight      swallow - twelve - swans - twice  
muscle - rascal      sprig - spray - spruce - sprint  
flout - flex - flag - flakes - flench      frequently - flick - fragrant - flies  
switch - twitch - swollen - twist - swill - twinkle - swallow  
spare - square - swear - blare - prayer - snare

**Practice these tongue twisters. Say them repeatedly until you can say them quickly.**

1. The flickering flame blazed brightly.
2. Clean clothes clearly claim crowds.
3. Frantically fry the flipping fish.
4. Snazzy snakes seldom snore.
5. The squishy squids are squalling.
6. Squeeze the squeaky squelching boots.
7. Squads of squaws are squinting and squirming.
8. Don't spill the spare spuds.
9. A sprig of sprightly spruce sprang onto the sprouts.
10. Twirling twins, twinkle and twist in the twilight.
11. Twins tweeted twenty times.
12. Bloodthirsty blabbermouths blasted the black blimp.

Let's look at the consonant blend **BL**. First, pronounce the words below. Then work with a partner to match them with their definitions. With a partner, make up a sentence that uses the word.

VOCABULARY WORD	DEFINITION
blighted	showy jewelry meant to be noticed
blot	very windy
bliss	perfect happiness
blister	very noticeable and offensive
bling	damaged or spoiled
blustery	swollen, usually because of too much water, food or gas

blatant	violent, eager for bloodshed
bloated	painful, swollen area with liquid inside
blood-thirsty	dry a wet surface by pressing paper or cloth against it

**Students read and lead a discussion of these items.**

1. Ignorance is **bliss**. What does this mean? Is it true? Are there some things you would rather not know? Give examples.
2. Explain the meaning of this sentence. My desk is just a **black hole**. I can't ever find anything that gets put on my desk. What is the difference between a literal black hole and a figurative black hole? Do you have places in your home that are black holes? That is, things go in, but never come out? How high is your tolerance for clutter?
3. What do you do when you **turn a blind eye**? What things do you turn a blind eye to?
4. What is a **blistering** attack?
5. Is a **blister** different than a **blemish**? Some movie stars like their blemishes and refuse to have them removed. For example, they have a mole on their face or a birth mark. If you were a movie star would you embrace your blemishes?
6. Explain the difference in meaning in these two sentences. *The recession **blindsided** a lot of lawyers who had previously taken for granted their comfortable income. He snuck up from behind and **blindsided** me. I never saw his punch coming.* Is the meaning the same in both sentences?
7. A **blackout** can be a period of darkness caused by an electrical failure or a period of unconsciousness. EX: The storm caused a blackout all over the city. I blacked out for a minute. Have you ever blacked out? Did someone catch you before you fell?
8. A **news blackout** occurs when a piece of news or information is not allowed to be reported. Perhaps, the government believes it would endanger the security of the nation if it were reported. Do you agree that, even in a democracy, news blackouts are justified?
9. What might someone do or say that was being **blatantly** racist? Are people generally sensitive to racism in your country? Do you think racism has gotten worse with the increasing number of immigrants moving into other countries?
10. Explain the meaning of this sentence. *My TV has been **on the blink** for several days.* Do you have any devices at your house that are on the blink?