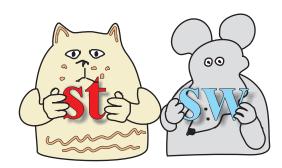
#### Book Six

# Beginning Blends

(Start-of-word consonant blends)



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A Progressive Phonics<sup>™</sup>book

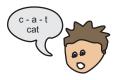
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#### Quick Start Guide



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.





Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

Don't rush it. Body builders don't train in a day, neither does a child.





If your child is having difficulty, he/she might need more practice with the alphabet. Get a fun book about the alphabet and read that lots of times. Then come back to Progressive Phonics.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



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#### Digraphs: (Two letters together making ONE sound)

Digraphs are different from blends because you don't hear the separate letters in a digraph — for example, you don't hear a "c" or an "h" in "ch" (a digraph), but you CAN hear a "c" and a "r" in "cr" (a blend).

(the "wh" digraph is more complex and is in a later book)

#### Blends:

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

The following blends are not included in this book because this book is intended for early readers. These blends occur in later Progressive Phonics books:

Pages like this are read TO the child. The "ear" means the child is supposed to listen.



Now we're going to learn about the sound, Shhhhh! Can you make the sound "shhh"?

We have lots of words that make this sound —



sheep in shorts

shiny shoe



shark in the shower

show me a ship

(If you need more words, try: shadow, shake, share, shave, she, shell, shin, shop, shoulder, shuffle, shut, and shy.)



We don't have a letter in the alphabet for the shhhh sound, so we have different ways of spelling it.

The way we spell it the most is with the letters "s" and "h." You can't actually hear an "s" or an "h" in the sound, shhhh, but it's close.

(Have the child practice saying and listening to the sound, shhh.)

Let's practice learning to read the letters, "sh" —

Teacher/parent information: Other ways of spelling the shhh sound are: motion, sugar, ocean, conscious, mission, and champagne — but a child doesn't need to learn this now.



sh be quiet,shut the door,sh don't say a peep.

sh be quiet,
shut your eyes —
it's time to go to sleep.

## ICE CREAM



Here we are at the ice cream **shop** — the **shop** is open, the **shop** is nice, but we can't go in because we are mice.

The girl at the **shop** is mean to us: she screams, she hollers, she makes a fuss. She says the **shop** is just for people, but in the **shop** are lots of "sheeple."



I went to a **shop** to buy a **ship** to take us on a sailing trip.

The **shop** was dark, the door was **shut**, the only **ship** was a coconut.

Its little sail was red and blue — it was much too small for me and you.
But when I **shut** my eyes, the **ship** was bigger, and we sailed away on a big, blue river.

Parent/teacher note: Scattered throughout this book are "mix it up" pages, were a child has an opportunity to practice ALL words learned so far in Progressive Phonics.



I have a big, red, ship, and I am the captain.

I have a big, red, ship, and nothing bad can happen.

Oh, no! my big, red, ship is in a lot of trouble.

I can't find my ship —

it is lost in the bubbles.



Now we're going to learn about the sound, "th." Can you make the sound "th"?

We have some very important words that use this sound —

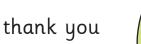
this and that (this cat, that cat)







think







thumb

(If you need more words, try: thin, thick, thump, thunder, there, the, and them.)

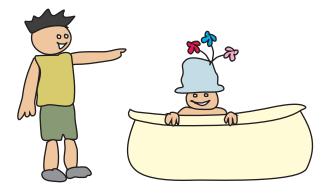


We don't have a letter in the alphabet for the sound, "th," so we spell it with the letters, "t" and "h."

You can't actually hear a "t" or an "h" in the sound, "th," but that's how we write it.

(Have the child practice saying and listening to the sound, "th.")

Let's practice learning to read the letters, "th" —



That hat is silly — that hat makes me laugh.
You always wear that silly hat when you're in that silly bath.



My mother says that I am very tall.

I don't know why she says that at all.

I am smaller than a house and
smaller than a truck;

I am smaller than a car
and smaller than a duck.

In fact I am so very, very small,
you need a telescope
to see my face at all.

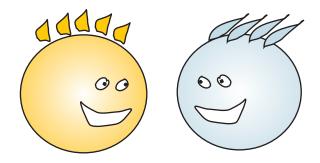


the little word "the"
wants to sound different.

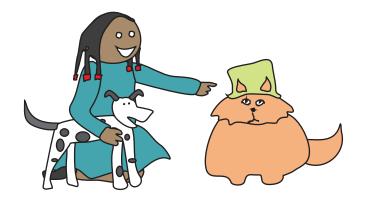
It wants to say "uh,"
like when you're saying "duh."

So try to say "duh,"
when you see the word "the."

Say it after me,
the word "the" is duh!

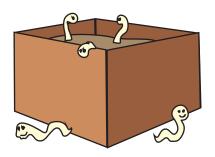


The sun is shining in the sky; the moon is shining too.
The sun is very yellow, and the moon is a little bit blue.



This is my dog, and that is my cat.
One is thin, and one is fat.

The cat that is fat is wearing a hat.
The dog that is thin has polka dot skin.



I have twenty five worms.

I keep **them** in a box.

My sister doesn't like **them**,
but me, I like **them** lots.

I feed **them** mud and



dirt. I keep **them**very wet. And if you

are not nice, I'll put **this** one in your bed.



First I take a bath, and **then** I brush my teeth. **Then** I go to bed, but I cannot go to sleep. **The** monster in **the** closet is bigger **than** a bear. He wants to eat my toes, and **then** he wants to chew my hair. There are monsters on **the** ceiling, monsters on **the** bed. Why does everybody tell me they're all inside my head?



I would rather be a dog
than a big, fat cat.
But I would rather be a cat
than a big, fat rat.
But being a kid,
is better than them all –
I will always be a kid,
even when I am tall.



Now we're going to learn about the sound, "ch." Can you make the sound "ch"?

Lots of words use this sound —



chase that chicken



cherry



the chimpanzee cheated at checkers

<sup>(</sup>If you need more words, try: child, chin, choose, chalk, cheek, chase, chimney, chess, champion, and chuckle.)



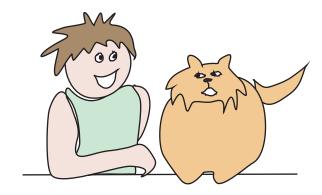
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We don't have a letter in the alphabet for the sound, "ch," so we spell it with the letters, "c" and "h."

You can't actually hear a "c" or an "h" in the sound, "ch," but that's how we write it.

(Have the child practice saying and listening to the sound, "ch.")

Now let's practice learning to read the letters, "ch" —



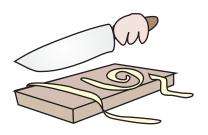
What do you say when you chat with a cat?

Do you chat about kittens or chat about cows?

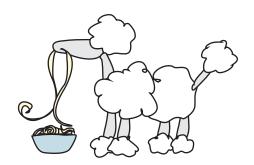
Do you chat like a human, or say, "Meeooooww"?



I want a potato chip;
I want a chip to dip.
They go so well together —
a chip and dip —
and I like nothing better
than to dip a chip.



To chop up food for hungry poodles, first you chop a lot of noodles. Then you chop a potato chip, and you serve the chip with chocolate dip.





Some words have a "sc" sound, you can hear the "s" and the "c" — "sc." Say after me:



scar - my scar looks like a car

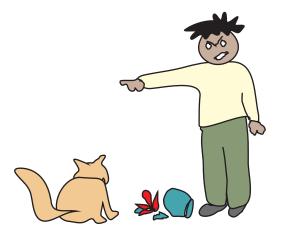


scary - my brother, Carey, isn't scary



scan - my eyes can scan the page

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: scooter, scalp, Scottish, and scout.)



Tell your **cat** to **scat**when he acts like that,
when he messes up the house.
And if your **cat** won't **scat**when you say, "**Scat**, **cat**,"
then tell him he's a mouse.



Sometimes, a "c" and a "k" sound exactly the same. Because of this, the "sc" sound is sometimes spelled with a "k." Say after me:



skate - Kate likes to skate



skip - my brother, Kip, likes to skip

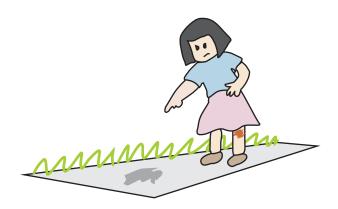
(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: sky, skunk, skillet, and skeleton.)



I like to **skip** along the street.

I like to **skip** with both my feet.

But I fell down and hurt my knee,
and I got a **scab**, oh lucky me.



I don't want to skip today —
I've got a big scab, and
I can't play. A scab on
skin doesn't look very pretty.
A scab on skin can
get quite itchy. And look over
there, where I fell down, you
can even see a scab on
the ground.



# bl

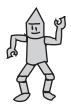
Some words have a "bl" sound, you can hear the "b" and the "l" — "bl." Say after me:



black - the bat has a black back



blue - the ghost said, "Boo - I'm blue!"

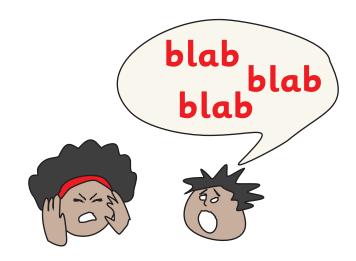


bleep - the robot said "Beep, beep bleep!"

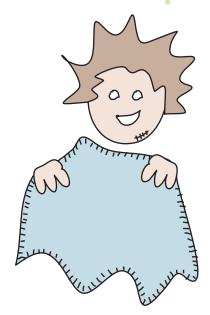
(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: block, blank, blink, and blow.)



My name is **Bob** the **Blob** of gum. I am a **blob** of chewing gum. I am made of gum and spit and slime, and I'm getting bigger all the time. So be careful what you do with the **blob** you chew — my name is **Bob** the **Blob**, and I'm on your shoe!



My brother likes to **blab** a lot; he has a lot to say. I wish he wouldn't **blab** so much — he goes **blab**, **blab**, **blab** all day.



I cut my little chin,
and it bled a lot.
It bled so very much
I went to Doctor Dot.
Doctor Dot put stitches
in my chin; now I look
like the blanket that I
always sleep in.



cl

Some words have a "cl" sound, you can hear the "c" and the "l" — "cl." Say after me:



clap - my cap can clap

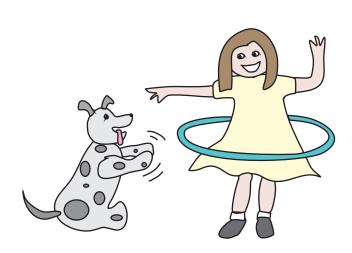


class - Cass is in class



cloud - a cow on a cloud

(Practice this until the child "gets it" – if you need more words, try: clean, clothes, clever, and clock.)



I wish my dog could clap
his hands, then he could clap
for me. I do a lot of clever
things, and SOMEONE should
clap for me.

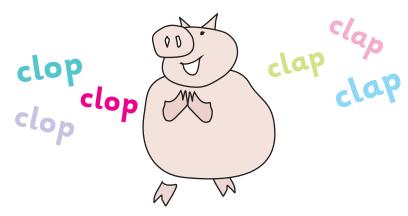


I let a little bear **cub**join my bath tub **club**.

My **club** is very special.

My **club** is very clean.

I'm glad the bear **cub**joined my **club** – he makes big bubbles just for me.



Can a pig clap his hands, or can he clap his feet?

And can a pig clap his feet, as his nose is saying beep?

Can a pig clap a little; can a pig clap a lot? Can he clap, clap, clap, or clop, clop?



gl

Some words have a "gl" sound. You can hear the "g" and the "l" — "gl." Say after me:



glue - glue is very sticky goo



glass — the lass had pretty glasses



glove — I love to wear gloves

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: glad, glow, glitter, and glide.)



I'm **glad** that I have all my toes.
I'm **glad** to have my little nose.
But I'm not **glad** – I'm very **glum** – about these orange freckles.
Everybody says they're cute, but I'm not **glad** – they make me puke.
I wish I could take a **glob** of cream and rub them off before I scream.



Clap if you are happy.

Clap if you are glad.

Do not clap if
you're Bob the Blob – if
you're Bob the Blob,
you're bad.

A blob is never happy.

A blob is never glad.

Would you be glad if you were

a blob, stuck on someone's shoe?





Some words have a "fl" sound. You can hear the "f" and the "l" — "fl." Say after me:



flake - a fake flake of snow

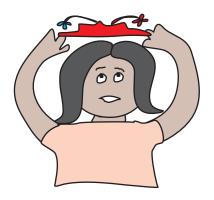


floor - a four on the floor



flea - the flea had to pay a fee





Yesterday I sat on my hat, and it went from **fat** to **flat**. I think I liked it better **fat** – how do I make it not so **flat**?



I like to watch my daddy-o cook food on the patio.

He can **flip** a burger;
he can **flip** a steak;
he can **flip** them high
so they touch the sky.



Flap your wings,
little baby bird.
You must flap your
wings to fly.
But the baby bird
didn't flap his wings,
and he fell flat into the dirt.

If your bunny's ears are flat,
you can hide them under
a hat. And if his ears flop
a lot, tell him not to hop,
hop, hop.

But who really cares if his ears are flat, or if they flop and flap, flap, flap.

A bunny rabbit could never look scary unless, of course, he lost his "hairy."





Some words have a "pl" sound. You can hear the "p" and the "l" — "pl." Say after me:



please - please pass the peas

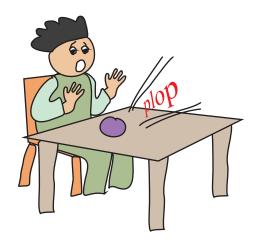


plants - the plants were wearing pants



plot - a plot to steal a pot of gold

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: plate, planet, plenty, and plug.)



Little Jack Horner sat
in the corner with a

plum upon his thumb.

Jack had to cough,
and the plum fell off —
and the plum went

plop on the tabletop.



Ten plus ten is
a lot of stuff, but
is ten plus ten enough?
I have ten little fingers,
plus ten little toes –
plus ten little freckles
on my nose.



# sl

Some words have a "sl" sound. You can hear the "s" and the "l" — "sl." Say after me:



slow - the car was so slow



sled - the sled said "hello!"



sleep - can't you see that I'm asleep?

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: slim, slime, slang, and slush.)



A slip of the lip
is a silly way of saying
you let a secret slip out.
So don't let your lip
ever, ever slip - keep
a secret in your mouth.



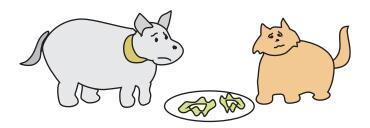
Slap your hands together.

Slap them on your knee.

Slap the water in the bath,
but don't slap me.



My good friend Sam
likes to slam the door.
His mother says, "Sam,
don't you slam that door!"
But Sam doesn't listen.
Sam doesn't care.
Sam likes to slam, slam,
slam doors everywhere.



My dog is on a diet, and so is the cat.

They want to be slim — they think they are fat.

They take a slim bit of lettuce and a slim bit of cheese, and to fill up both their tummies, they eat forty nine of these.





Some words have a "sn" sound. You can hear the "s" and the "n" — "sn." Say after me:



snail - the snail is for sale



snow - there is so much snow



sneeze - Bob sees me sneeze

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: snake, sniff, snore, and snuggle.)

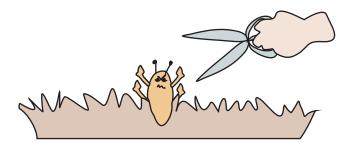


Don't **snap** your fingers in a baby's face when a baby takes a **nap**.

If you **snap**, **snap**, **snap**, the baby can't **nap**, and he will cry all over the place.



Turtles like to snip;
turtles like to snap;
turtles like to snip
and snap, snap, snap.
So never stick your finger
in a turtle's mouth —
the turtle will snap
and you will say "ouch!"



If a bug is snug in a rug, and you want to get it out, then snap your fingers snap, snap, snap – and loudly shout, shout, shout. But if the bug that is

# snug in the rug

won't listen when you shout, grab a pair of scissors snip, snip, snip – and cut the bug right out.





Some words have a "sp" sound. You can hear the "s" and the "p" - "sp." Say after me:



spell - the witch tried to sell a spell

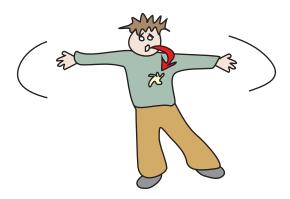


spoon - "Soon," said the spoon



sport - what sort of sport do you like to play?

(Practice this until the child "gets it" - if you need more words, try: speak, space, spinach, and spider.)



Never spit
when you spin around,
because if you spit
when you spin around,
the spit may land on you.

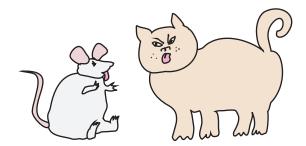


My dog, **Spot**, has just one **spot**, right there on his tummy.

My dog, **Spot**, likes to lick a lot from a big, old **pot** of honey.



# br



The cat spat at the rat, and the rat spat back.

I tried to teach them not to spit, but they just spat at me.

Some words have a "br" sound. You can hear the "b" and the "r" — "br." Say after me:



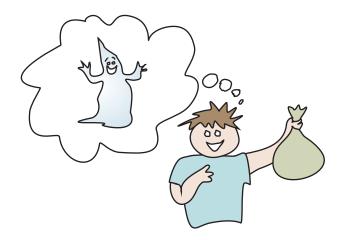
breeze - bees flying on a breeze



bread - I eat bread in bed



bright - his bite was was bright and white



My brother caught a ghost; he put it in a bag. And now he wants to brag, brag, brag about the ghost inside the bag.

But I know there's nothing in that bag – I heard the ghostie brag, brag how he got away from a little boy's bag.

Never fill a cup
up to the brim.

My brother did it once,
and look what it did to him.

If a cup is filled all the way up to the brim, something might spill out — or something might spill in.

(A brim is the very top edge of a cup or container.)



My rat is a brat;
he tells a lot of lies
to get a bit of cheese
or to run around outside.

My rat is a brat,
he always screams and cries,
but I know he is faking —
no tears are in his eyes.



Cr

Some words have a "cr" sound. You can hear the "c" and the "r" — "cr." Say after me:



creepy - keep a creepy creature



crook - the crook can't cook

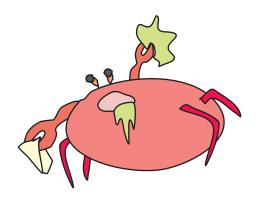


crawling - I am calling a crawling bug

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: crispy, cream, cry, and cracker.)



Never let a crazy crab
drive you in a taxi cab.
The crab will pinch your fingers;
the crab will pinch your toes;
the crazy crab will drive the cab
completely off the road.



How much food can a crab
cram in his mouth?
I bet a crab can cram
a lot in his mouth.
But can a crab cram food
without one drop falling out?





Some words have a "dr" sound. You can hear the "d" and the "r" — "dr." Say after me:



drum - my drum says dum-dum-drum



dry - my mouth is so dry I could die

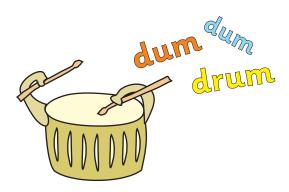


drool - my dog, Dewely is really drooly

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: drink, dress, drive, and dragon.)



Drip a drop of rain on me. Drip a drop of rain on you. Drip, drip, drop, drop — I'm wet and so are you.



My drum is much too big for me to drag around, so I always leave my drum sitting on the ground. My drum can play a lot of songs, I can hear **it** late **at** night — **it** goes, dum-dum-drum, dum-dum-drum, until the morning light.





Some words have a "fr" sound. You can hear the "f" and the "r" — "fr." Say after me:



frog - a frog in the fog



freaky - freaky feet



frown - I found a frown under my hair

(Practice this until the child "gets it" – if you need more words, try: France, fresh, front, and Friday.)



Fred the Frog
and Fran, his daughter,
live in a pond with lots
of water. Fred and
Fran like nothing better
than jumping in and getting
wetter.



Fran the Frog
has a lot of toys,
but can she take
them in the water?
Fred the Frog
says "Yes, yes, yes!"
that's why he gave them
to his daughter.



gr

Some words have a "gr" sound. You can hear the "g" and the "r" — "gr." Say after me:



grow - I told the plant to grow or go



great - a great gate



gruel - gruel (oatmeal) for for a ghoul

(Practice this until the child "gets it" – if you need more words, try: green, grass, grip, and grumble .)



Because I am a monkey,
I should grab my grub.
I should grab my grub
with both my hands, and
eat the grub as fast as I can.
I'm not a boy – this is not a
costume – so I HAVE to
grab my grub; I can't
use a spoon.



My frog ate a bug — to him, a bug is grub.
My frog ate a bug — he loves a bug for grub.

He uses his tongue to grab a bug; then he swallows the bug, and his tummy says, "glug!"



pr

Some words have a "pr" sound. You can hear the "p" and the "r" — "pr." Say after me:



prize - the pies won a prize



pretty - it's a pity I'm so pretty

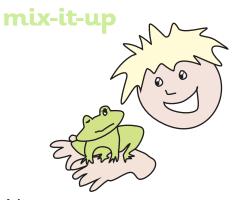
(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: press, proud, promise, and printer.)



I like to push my sister, Pam, around the park in her little pram.

I put Pam in the pram, and then I push Pam
as best as I can.

But if little Pam ever starts to cry, I take the pram to Mom to figure out why.



Never use your nose to prod a sleeping frog he could hop up in surprise and hit you in the eyes. And then you could drop your frog on the floor. I know this can happen — I've done **it** all before. So always prod a frog with a finger or a stick, and never prod a frog with your nose - you might **get** sick.



Some words have a "tr" sound. You can hear the "t" and the "r" — "tr." Say after me:



try - I try and try to tie my shoe

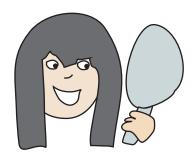


(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: trash, true, treasure, and trouble.)



Don't **trip** on a **trap**out in the woods —
the **trap** will grab your
foot, foot, foot.

So don't **trip**, **trip**, **trip**on a **trap**, **trap**, **trap**if your mother ever wants you
back, back, back.



I did not want to trip
I did not to fall
So I had to trim my hair —
I could not see at all.
I did not trim
my hair very well,
but now I can see
and eat and smell.



## st

Some words have a "st" sound. You can hear the "s" and the "t" — "st." Say after me:

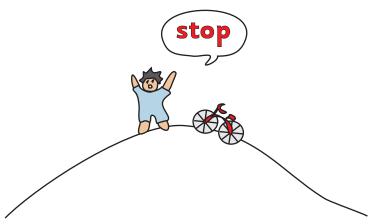


stand - I can stand in the sand



stick - my doll is sick and as thin as a stick

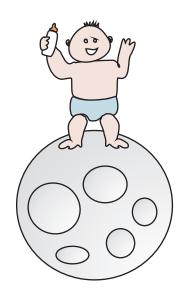
(Practice this until the child "gets it" – if you need more words, try: star, stop, stomach, and story.)



What's the best way
to **stop** your bike
when you get up to the **top**?

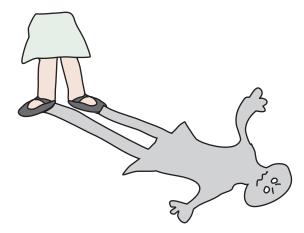
Do you squeeze the brakes and **step** on the ground, or do you just say "**stop**" and let the bike fall down?

I saw Baby **Stan**take his very first **step**. I saw Baby **Stan** take the
biggest **step** yet.



He got up off his diapers, he wobbled on his feet, he took one **step**, and he crossed the street.

And when Baby **Stan** took **step** number two, he went up in the sky, and he landed on the moon.



Watch where you step —
you always step on me.
I wish that I could stop you,
but I cannot stop a step.

I am your shadow;
I live beneath your feet –
and I wish that everybody
didn't always step on me.



## SW

Some words have a "sw" sound. You can hear the "s" and the "w" — "sw." Say after me:

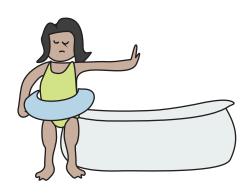


swing - I can sing as I swing

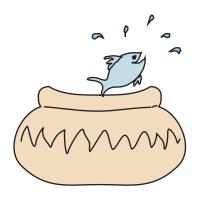


sweet - I found a sweet (candy) on my seat

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: swim, swan, swallow, and sweater.)



I can **swim** when I giggle.
I can **swim** when I laugh.
I can **swim** across the ocean,
but I cannot take a bath.



I can swim.
I can swim a lot.
I can swim in a bath,
or swim in a pot.
I am a little fishy,
and it is my only wishy,
to swim, swim, swim,
in whatever I am in.



## tw

Some words have a "tw" sound. You can hear the "t" and the "w" — "tw." Say after me:

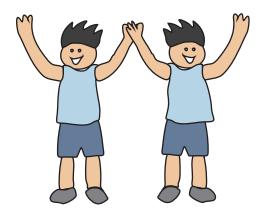


twelve - tell twelve stories

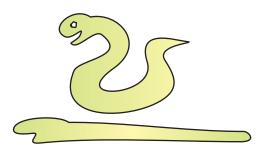
10 20

twenty - ten and twenty

(Practice this until the child "gets it" — if you need more words, try: twirl, twiq, twist, and twinkle.)



If I had a **twin**,
would it ever really matter
which of us would **win**?
'Cuz if my **twin** looked
like me, and I looked like
my **twin**, who would ever
know which **twin** had
the **win**?



My pet snake has a twin, but it is not a twin - it is **skin.** You see, every month or two, my **pet** snake grows new skin, and the old skin just falls off from his tail up to his **chin**. And when my **pet** snake wakes, it's like he has a twin. I wonder **if** he says goodbye to the skin that he was in.

## The end

Don't forget!



If you have a moment (and if you are willing), email us with your comments. Thanks!



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