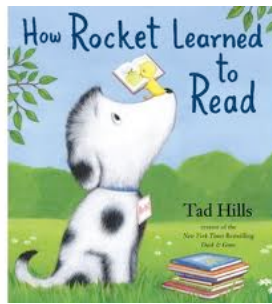


# Stretch or Blend Sounds in Words

## How Rocket Learned to Read

Written and Illustrated by Tad Hills



### Description:

Rocket, the dog, is introduced to the “wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet” by his teacher, the little yellow bird. Her mission is to teach Rocket to read.

### Connections:

Little yellow bird says, “Words are built, one letter at a time.” What a perfect way to describe the process. Inside the book are several highlighted words. As you read, encourage children to stretch and blend along with Rocket.

After reading the story, have a discussion on Rocket’s interest in reading. How did he feel at the beginning of the book? How did he feel by the end? What caused the changes? Have you ever felt that way?

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## BOY + BOT

Written by Ame Dyckman...Illustrated by Dan Yaccarino



### Description:

A little boy and a large robot become fast friends despite their differences.

### Connections:

Boy + Bot is a sweet story that demonstrates the power of friendship. Chances are the children will enjoy this book so much that they will be enthusiastic to use words from the story to Stretch and Blend. After reading the book to students go back and look through the pages with the children to find words they might like to work with.

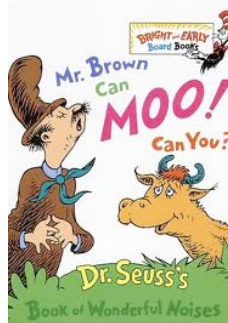
If children need practice blending, provide the sounds for them to slide together into words. Or if students need more stretching repetition, give them whole words to pull apart. Spice up word practice by encouraging students to use a robot voice while they stretch and blend.

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## Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?

Written and Illustrated by Dr. Seuss



### Description:

Mr. Brown enjoys making all kinds of sounds. In typical Seuss style, all the sounds rhyme and weave together into a funny tale.

### Connections:

Teachers know that young children love sounds and noises. Here's a chance to make noise just for fun.

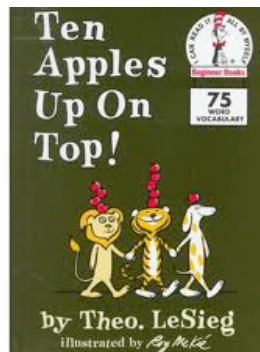
Moo	buzz	pop	eek	hoo	klopp
dopp	grum	choo	boom	splatt	tick
sizzl	blup	knock	slurp	dibble	tock

After reading the story, take turns having students stretch or blend words with an elbow partner. This will certainly be a giggle inducing activity.

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## Ten Apples Up On Top!

Written by Theo. LeSieg...Illustrated by Roy McKie



### Description:

Lion, Dog and Tiger compete to see how many things they can do with apples stacked on their heads.

### Connections:

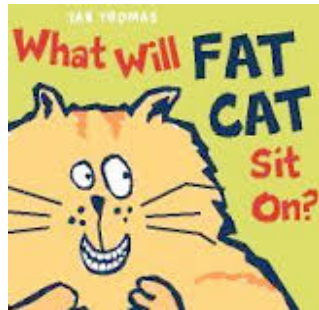
Use the title of the story for stretch and blend practice. Next, substitute another word for apples. For example, “Ten bats up on top.” Ask the children if they think they could stack ten bats on their heads. Next, have them stretch the word “bat” or give them the individual sounds and have them blend into the word. Repeat with other words, the sillier the better.

Children might even enjoy writing a class book with each person having something different stacked on their head.

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## What Will Fat Cat Sit On?

Written and Illustrated by Jan Thomas



### Description:

Where is the cat going to sit? Will it be on the cow, the chicken, the pig. Certainly not the dog, he growls. Hmm, Anyone else?

### Connections:

Read the book and then play a game. This is another opportunity to practice stretching in a fun way. Have students find a partner and a chair. Tell one student from each pair to sit down in the chair; he or she will be the pig. The standing student is the cat. Share that all the cats need to ask the pigs if they can sit on their lap. The only way to ask is to stretch out your animal name. The cats say, “My name is /c/ /a/ /t/. May I sit down? The seated child says, my name is /p/ /i/ /g/. Yes, you may. Giggles will commence as the children begin to sit. Remind everyone to be gentle. Now switch roles. The previous pigs stand up to become the cats while the other children sit down to become pigs. Repeat the process with other animal names until it’s time to go to recess, lunch or gym class. Then go back to your room and enjoy the quiet.