

Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (R-Blends)

"This silly story is about a pup who won't stop barking! Remind your reader to notice -rt words and read with expression when the barking starts."



Burt's Barking Pup

Burt had a pup with a loud bark.

The pup barked at the cart.

It barked at the dart game.

It barked at the art wall.

"Stop!" said Burt.

But the pup ran to the park.

It gave one last bark—*YARP!*

Then it curled up for a nap.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

bark

cart

dart

park

nap



Name: _____

Burt's Barking Pup

1. What did the pup bark at?

- A. The cart
- B. The dart game
- C. The art wall
- D. All of the above

2. What happened at the end of the story?

- A. Burt gave the pup away
- B. The pup went to sleep
- C. The pup ate a snack
- D. Burt barked back

3. Fill in the blank:

It gave one last bark—"_____!"

4. Why do you think the pup barked at everything?

5. How do you think Burt felt by the end of the day?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -rt Ending Blend

Genre: Humorous Fiction

High-Frequency Words: said, the, at, it, one, last

Before Reading

1. Today's story has -rt words like *cart*, *dart*, *bark*, and *start*.
 2. Have you ever had a loud or silly pet?
 3. Why do you think dogs bark?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Break down final blends in -rt words: *ca...rt*, *da...rt*, *pa...rk*
 2. Watch for -rt words like *bark*, *cart*, *dart*, *art*, and *park*
 3. What does Burt try to do?
 4. Use a funny voice for the pup's last "YARP!"
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After Reading

1. What were all the things the pup barked at?
 2. Why did the pup stop barking in the end?
 3. Would you want a pup like Burt's?
 4. Skill Mastery: Highlight 5 -rt words from the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using different voices for Burt and the pup!
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Activity Idea

Make a "Bark Map." Draw or list everything the pup barked at in the story. Label each item with a -rt word like *cart*, *dart*, *art*, or *park*. Add a funny sound bubble like "YARP!"

Coaching Tip

Use humor to boost fluency—laughing while reading helps kids become more expressive and confident.

