Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (N-Blends)

"This nonfiction story is about fixing a ramp. Tell your reader to focus on -mp words and read clearly to understand how things get repaired."

Fix That Ramp

Jay had a ramp at camp.

The ramp had a bump.

A big *thump* made the ramp snap.

The ramp went flat!

Jay went to get the camp mechanic.

The mechanic got a clamp.

"Fix that ramp," said Jay.

The ramp was fixed fast.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.				
ramp	camp	bump	thump	clamp

Fix That Ramp

1. What happened to the ramp?

A.   It got wet

B.   It turned blue

C.   It broke with a thump

D.   It flew away

2. Who helped Jay fix the ramp?

A.   A camper

B.   The cook

C.   A mechanic

D.   A lifeguard

3. Fill in the blank:

"Fix that _____," said Jay.

4. What tool did the mechanic use to help the ramp?

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5. Why is it important to fix a ramp at camp?

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Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -mp Ending Blends
Genre: Nonfiction / Engineering
High-Frequency Words: said, was, the, to, get, had

Before Reading

1. We're looking at -mp words like *ramp*, *bump*, and *clamp*.
2. Have you ever helped fix something?
3. Why might a ramp be important at camp?

During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Stretch the vowel sound and end with /m/ /p/:
   thu...mp, *cla...mp*
2. Watch for -mp words like *ramp*, *camp*, *snap*
3. Who does Jay ask for help?
4. Use a strong voice when Jay says, "Fix that ramp!"

After Reading

1. Can you retell the problem and how it was solved?
2. Why do you think the ramp snapped?
3. What do you think might happen next time someone uses it?
4. Skill Mastery: Highlight 5 -mp words in the story
5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading this story again like you're giving directions at camp!

Activity Idea

Design a "Fix-It Plan." Draw the broken ramp and then draw it fixed with a clamp. Use -mp words to label your steps like *snap*, *clamp*, *ramp*. Write a short fix-it sentence at the bottom.

Coaching Tip

Nonfiction stories help kids connect decoding to real life—talk about how things work to deepen understanding!