

Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (S-Blends)

"This nonfiction story teaches what frost is and where it comes from. Remind your reader to watch for -st words and read with calm curiosity like a nature guide."



Frost on the Tent

The camp kids got up at dawn.

Their tent had a crust of frost.

The camp guide let them feel it.

"It is cold and soft," she said.

"The frost forms when mist turns to ice."

The kids saw frost on grass, too.

They wrote it down in their nature logs.

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

frost

crust

mist

soft

logs



Name: _____

Frost on the Tent

1. What did the kids find on their tent?

- A. Dust
- B. Rust
- C. Frost
- D. Sand

2. What causes frost to form?

- A. Wind and sun
- B. Rain and snow
- C. Mist and cold air
- D. Fire and ice

3. Fill in the blank:

The tent had a crust of _____.

4. Why did the guide have them touch the frost?

5. What can you learn by writing in a nature log?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -st Ending Blend

Genre: Nonfiction / Science & Nature

High-Frequency Words: said, the, it, is, on, when

Before Reading

1. We're looking at -st words like *frost*, *mist*, and *crust*.
 2. Have you ever seen frost outside early in the day?
 3. What do you think makes frost different from snow?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice slowly blending -st endings: *fro...st*, *mi...st*, *cru...st*
 2. Watch for -st blend words like *frost*, *mist*, *crust*, and *soft*
 3. What did the camp guide say causes frost?
 4. Use a gentle voice when describing the cold morning scene.
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After Reading

1. What happened when the kids saw the frost?
 2. Why does frost form when mist gets cold?
 3. Would you want to write in a nature log like the kids?
 4. Skill Mastery: Highlight 5 -st words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading this again like a camp guide giving a nature talk.
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Activity Idea

Create your own "Frost Log" page. Draw a tent with frost on it and label it with -st words like *frost*, *mist*, *crust*, and *soft*. Write one sentence about when and where you've seen frost.

Coaching Tip

Nature texts help kids observe closely—tie decoding to real outdoor moments for deeper engagement.

