

Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (R-Blends)

"This nonfiction story explains how to chart a star. Remind your reader to look for -rt words and read clearly like a science guide."



How to Chart a Star

The kids met with an astronomer.

He had a chart and a big map.

"Let's find the North Star," he said.

They went out after dark.

"Start at the Big Dipper," he said.

"Then dart your eyes to the right."

The kids saw the star.

They put a mark on the chart.

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

chart

start

dart

mark

star



Name: _____

How to Chart a Star

1. What did the astronomer want the kids to find?

- A. The moon
- B. A comet
- C. The Big Dipper
- D. The North Star

2. What did the kids do when they saw the star?

- A. Took a nap
- B. Put a mark on the chart
- C. Wrote a story
- D. Got in the van

3. Fill in the blank:

They put a mark on the _____.

4. What steps did the astronomer give to find the star?

5. Why is it helpful to use a chart when looking at stars?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -rt Ending Blend

Genre: Nonfiction / Astronomy

High-Frequency Words: said, the, at, on, with, after

Before Reading

1. Today we'll find -rt words like *chart*, *start*, and *dart*.
 2. Have you ever looked at stars at night?
 3. What tools help people study the sky?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help readers blend short vowels with -rt: *sta...rt*, *cha...rt*, *da...rt*
 2. Watch for -rt words like *chart*, *start*, *dart*, and *mark*
 3. Where did the astronomer say to start?
 4. Use a thoughtful, quiet tone for the night sky setting.
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After Reading

1. What did the astronomer help the kids do?
 2. Why do you think the North Star is important?
 3. Would you like to go on a night star walk?
 4. Skill Mastery: Find 5 -rt words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read again like you're guiding others through the stars—calm and clear.
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Activity Idea

Make a “Star Chart” on dark blue paper. Use white or yellow crayon to draw the Big Dipper and the North Star. Label parts with -rt words like *start*, *chart*, *dart*, and *part*.

Coaching Tip

Encourage wonder! Nonfiction stories like this help kids connect decoding skills to real discovery.

