

Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (N-Blends)

"Today's story is about a visit to an ant land! Remind your reader to look out for -nd words and read carefully to learn new facts about ants."



Land of the Ants

Maya went to the land of ants.

A guide held up sand with a hand.

"This kind of ant lives in the sand," said the guide.

"They bend paths and send ants to hunt."

Maya said, "Ants are grand!"

The guide said, "Yes, they help the land!"

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

land

sand

hand

bend

grand



Name: _____

Land of the Ants

1. Where did Maya go?

- A. A zoo
- B. The land of ants
- C. A beach
- D. The forest

2. What do ants do in the sand?

- A. They nap
- B. They bend paths
- C. They fly
- D. They bark

3. Fill in the blank:

"This kind of ant lives in the _____."

4. Why did Maya think ants were grand?

5. What does this story teach us about ants?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -nd Ending Blends

Genre: Nonfiction / Animals

High-Frequency Words: said, are, the, yes, they, kind

Before Reading

1. Today's story has -nd words like *land*, *bend*, and *send*.
 2. Have you ever seen an ant hill?
 3. What do you know about ants?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** For -nd words, help your reader say the short vowel clearly before blending /n/ and /d/ together.
 2. Watch for -nd words like *hand*, *sand*, and *grand*
 3. What kind of place do the ants live in?
 4. Use a proud voice when Maya says, "Ants are grand!"
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After Reading

1. Can you tell what Maya learned on the trip?
 2. Why do you think the guide said ants "help the land"?
 3. Do you think ants are cool? Why or why not?
 4. Skill Mastery: Find 5 words in the story that end in -nd
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again with voice changes—serious for the guide, amazed for Maya!
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Activity Idea

Make a simple "ant land" model using sand, string, or paper to show ant tunnels and paths. Label parts like *land*, *sand*, *bend*, and *hunt*. Then describe what ants do underground using words from the story.

Coaching Tip

Support your reader by connecting facts to their real life—it helps them remember what they read and enjoy learning!

