

Decodable Texts: Ending Blends (-ft,-pt Blends)

"This story is about a quick-thinking friend and a fast gift! Remind your reader to watch for -ft words and read with energy as the action builds."



Swift Gift

Liv ran to the bus with Max.

"Oh no! I left your gift!" she said.

Max gave a lift and let Liv hop in.

The bus made a soft bump.

"Wait!" said Liv.

She got the gift from her bag.

It was a red cap with Max's name!

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

gift

lift

left

soft

bump



Name: _____

Swift Gift

1. What did Liv forget?

- A. Her snack
- B. Her gift
- C. Her bag
- D. Her pass

2. What was the gift for Max?

- A. A book
- B. A red cap
- C. A bus ticket
- D. A note

3. Fill in the blank:

Max gave a _____ and let Liv hop in.

4. Why do you think Liv was in such a hurry?

5. What does this story show about friendship?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: -ft Ending Blend

Genre: Realistic Fiction

High-Frequency Words: said, the, your, she, let, was

Before Reading

1. We'll look for -ft words like *gift*, *lift*, and *left*.
 2. Have you ever rushed to give someone a gift?
 3. What makes a small surprise really special?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Practice blending short vowels with -ft endings: *gi...ft*, *le...ft*, *li...ft*
 2. Watch for -ft words like *gift*, *lift*, *left*, and *soft*
 3. What does Liv do to fix her mistake?
 4. Use an excited voice when she says "Wait!"
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After Reading

1. What was the problem in the story?
 2. How did Liv fix it in time?
 3. What kind of gift would you give a friend?
 4. Skill Mastery: Highlight 5 -ft words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're acting it out—fast footsteps, a bump, a big "Wait!"
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Activity Idea

Make your own "swift gift" card. Draw a gift and label it with -ft words like *gift*, *lift*, *left*, and *soft*. Write a kind message you would give to a friend.

Coaching Tip

Let your reader tap into emotions like excitement or relief—it makes stories more memorable and improves expression.

