

Decodable Texts: Beginning Blends (L-Blends)

"This is a mystery story about a strange clock hidden in the wall. Help your reader look for *c/* blend words like *clock*, *click*, and *clap* as the mystery unfolds!"



The Clock in the Wall

Cam saw a clock.

The clock is in the wall.

The clock can tick.

The clock can click.

Cam can tap on the wall.

A click, a pop, a flap!

The wall has a flap!

What is in the wall?

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

clock

click

clap

flap

Cam



Name: _____

The Clock in the Wall

1. What is Blake playing?

- A. A bug
- B. A light
- C. A clock
- D. A bell

2. What happens when Cam taps the wall?

- A. A book falls
- B. The flap pops open
- C. The clock rings
- D. The rug lifts up

3. Fill in the blank:

The clock can tick and _____.

4. What clues help Cam solve the mystery?

5. What do you think might be inside the flap?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Beginning Blend *C/*

Genre: Mystery Fiction

High-Frequency Words: the, a, can, is, on, in

Before Reading

1. Remind your reader that *c/* is a beginning blend that says /c/ like in *clock*.
 2. Have you ever found something hidden in a strange place?
 3. What sounds might an old clock make?
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During Reading

1. Sounding Out Support: Emphasize blending /c/ and // smoothly in *c/* words
 2. Encourage kids to listen for clues and changes in the wall
 3. What does the wall do when Cam taps it?
 4. Read the last line with curiosity and suspense
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After Reading

1. What did Cam notice that was strange?
 2. Why was the clock important to the story?
 3. What do you think is behind the flap?
 4. Circle all the *c/* words in the story
 5. Fluency Tip: Read it again like you're solving a real mystery!
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Activity Idea

Draw your own mystery wall with a hidden object. Label it with at least two *c/* blend words from the story. Then write a short mystery sentence using one of those words.

Coaching Tip

Blends like *c/* become easier to spot when tied to sound and suspense—make the reading feel like a little adventure!

