

Let's Meet the Blend Friends!



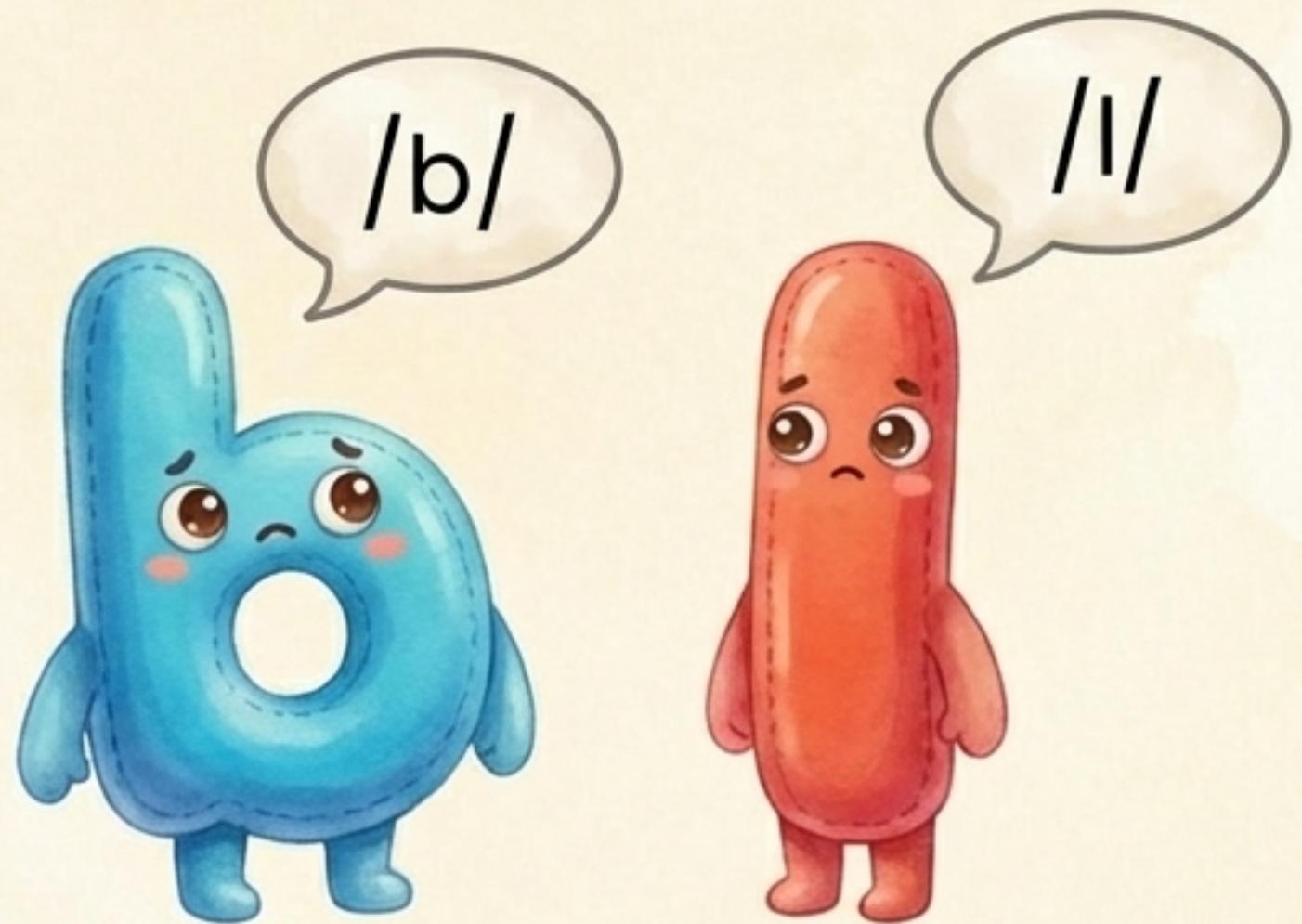
Every Letter Has a Sound!



Before our adventure, let's remember our letters! Each letter is a friend with its own special sound. When we see them in a word, we can say their sounds to read the word!

Let's say their sounds together: /k/ ... /a/ ... /t/. What word is that? ... CAT! Great job!

What Happens When Best Friends Meet?



Sometimes, letters are **Best Blend Friends!** When they stand together in a word, they stick close like glue. You can still hear BOTH of their happy sounds, but they say them super fast. They don't make a new sound; they just blend their sounds together!

Let's Learn the Blend & Slide Move!

Let's get our hands ready!



Step 1: Hold up two fingers, one for each friend.



Step 2: Tap one finger and say the first sound: /b/



Step 3: Tap the other finger and say the second sound: /l/



Step 4: Now, slide your fingers together and say the sounds fast: /bl/!

You did it! That's the Blend & Slide!

Adventure Time! Meet the L-Blend Friends!



Our friend 'I' is going on an adventure to find its Blend Friends!
When 'I' teams up with another letter, we call it an **L-Blend**.
Let's help 'I' find some friends!

Friends 'b' and 'l' make... /bl/!

Look! 'b' and 'l' found each other! They are Blend Friends!
Let's do the Blend & Slide! Get your fingers ready... /b/ ... /l/ ... /bl/!



They help us read the word **blue**. Can you say **blue**?

Friends 'f' and 'l' make... /fl/!

'I' found another friend! It's 'f'!
Let's do the Blend & Slide! /f/ ... /l/ ... /fl/!



flag

Together they help us read **flag**. Let's read it: **flag**!

A New Path! Meet the R-Blend Friends!



Wow! Look who's next! Our friend 'r' is ready for an adventure.
When 'r' teams up with another letter, we call it an **R-Blend**.
Who will 'r' meet first?

Friends 'f' and 'r' make... /fr/!

It's 'f' and 'r'! They're Blend Friends!
Time for the Blend & Slide! /f/ ... /r/ ... /fr/!



frog

They help us read the word **frog**. Can you say **frog**?

Friends 't' and 'r' make... /tr/!

Here comes another team! 't' and 'r'!
You know the move! Blend & Slide! /t/ ... /r/ ... /tr/!



tree

Let's read the word they make: **tree!**

The Final Quest!

Meet the S-Blend Friends!



Our last hero is 's'! When 's' makes a team, it's called an **S-Blend**. This is the trickiest path, but we can help 's' find its friends!

Friends 's' and 't' make... /st/!

Look! It's 's' and 't'!

Let's do our final Blend & Slides! /s/ ... /t/ ... /st/!

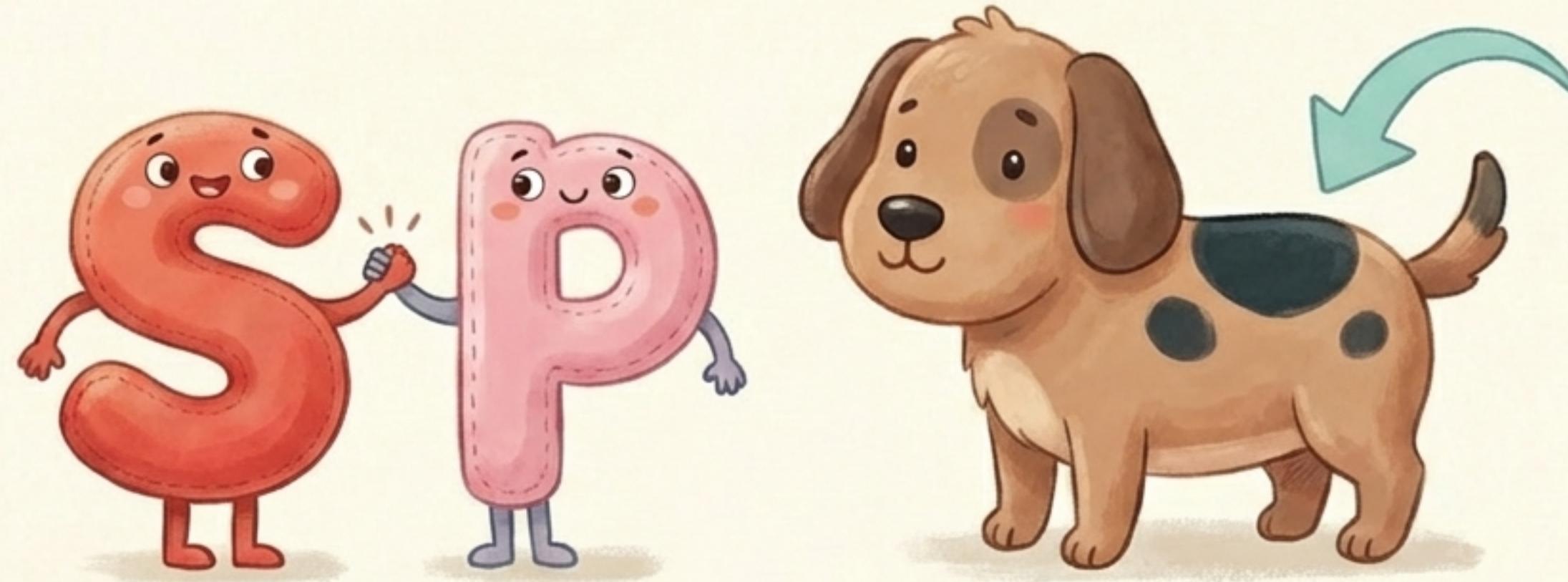


stop

This blend helps us read the word **stop**. Read it with me: **stop!**

Friends 's' and 'p' make... /sp/!

Here's another S-Blend team: 's' and 'p'!
One more time! Blend & Slide! /s/ ... /p/ ... /sp/!



spot

They help us find the **spot**. Can you say **spot**?

You are a Blend Superhero!



You did it! You helped all the letters find their Best Blend Friends!
Remember, when you see a blend in a word, you know the two letters
stick together, but you can still hear **BOTH** of their sounds. Great reading!

"Can You Spot the Blend Friends?"



Look closely! How many Blend Friend words can you find in the picture? Point to them and say their name!