

This week, we have been learning about **words that begin with adjacent consonants.**



Level 4

## Top Tips

When two or more consonants next to each other in a word each make their own sound, we call them 'adjacent consonants', e.g. 'tr' in **trip**, 'fl' in **flag** and 'cr' in **crash**.

Children need practice in hearing, segmenting and blending words containing adjacent consonants, so they can learn to read and write them fluently.

(Digraphs, like the 'sh' in **crash**, are not called adjacent consonants in phonics because the 's' and the 'h' go together to make one sound.)

## Reading Tricky Words

We have been learning to read the tricky words **have**, **like**, **come** and **some**.

Discuss with your child/children which is the tricky part of the word. In the word **have**, the 'e' is unspoken. In the word **like**, children have not yet learnt the split digraph 'i-e' that makes the /igh/ sound. In the words **some** and **come**, the split digraph 'o-e' is saying /u/.

## Spelling Tricky Words

We have been learning to spell the tricky words **was** and **you**.

Ask your child/children to colour the tricky part of the words. In the word **was**, the 'a' is making the /o/ sound and the 's' is making the /z/ sound. In the word **you**, the 'ou' is making the /oo/ sound.

was

you

## Word List

Point to each grapheme and say the sound to support your child to read the words.

**black**  
...  

**glad**  
...  

**plan**  
...  

**snap**  
...  

**skin**  
...  

**sleep**

**twig**

**trap**

**dress**

**cross**

Can you add sound buttons and bars to the rest of the words?  
Remember that adjacent consonants have separate sound buttons, whereas digraphs have sound bars.

## I Spy

Tick the box when you find the matching picture.



<input type="checkbox"/>	tree
<input type="checkbox"/>	flag
<input type="checkbox"/>	train
<input type="checkbox"/>	frog
<input type="checkbox"/>	clown

<input type="checkbox"/>	star
<input type="checkbox"/>	swing
<input type="checkbox"/>	stick
<input type="checkbox"/>	flower
<input type="checkbox"/>	scarf