

SpeedRead: how to smile, have fun and learn at the same time

Explicit teaching of the units using the Sounds~Write lessons is a pre-requisite to the **SpeedRead** activity.

SpeedRead is intended to be used as a warm up activity at the beginning of lessons. It can also be used at any other point during the lesson. I sometimes use it when I change from a task my student is finding a bit of a challenge. **SpeedRead** is a fun activity in which students are encouraged to read accurately and fluently at their personal best. Stickers work well as a reward! The record sheet can be completed by the teacher/tutor to monitor the student's progress and for the student to see their progress. Some students like to graph their progress, a good use of laptops or iPads.

The instruction in the box is, 'Can you read 10 (or 20) words correctly in 30 seconds?' Research has shown that a fluency rate of 20 words correct in 30 seconds is more likely to result in the skill being maintained. Some students need more practice to get there. If after 3 or 4 attempts there is no indication that performance is improving you may want to decrease the number of words to be read or increase the amount of time given.

Although all the words included in the units are real words, we have introduced some words which pupils may not know the meanings of. In this case, simply ask the pupil to read the word and return to discuss its meaning at the end. For example, in Unit 11 <qu>, we have included the word 'quint', which is: a tax of one fifth; an organ stop giving tones a fifth higher than normal higher; a set of five persons. Also in Unit 11 is the word 'quitch', a type of grass. Some pupils might like to know the meaning of these words and might enjoy being stretched. If pupils are unsure of the meaning of words, you can talk about meaning or use the opportunity to do some dictionary work (built in homework activity!).

A useful follow-up to this activity is to ask the pupil to spell some or all of these words. Thus, in one session, you might ask the pupil to read the words and, in the next, to write them, saying the sounds as they do and reading the word. A homework activity could be to use the words in a sentence or choose a word to write a short story.

For students who lack confidence and require more practice than most to achieve mastery you may find it helpful to bring some familiar words from the previous unit mastered into the next unit as a stepping stone. This can help increase the confidence of the student. A blank template is included, as the final page of this file, for the teacher/tutor to build the activity around the individual student's needs.

Instructions are included on the record sheet on the next page.

Our thanks to Mary Gladstone, who created 'SpeedRead' for us.

Record Sheet

Student: _____

Date started:					Date achieved:				
Date									
Score									

Comment:

Date started:					Date achieved:				
Date									
Score									

Comment:

You will need to explain to your student that we are going to see how many words they can read accurately in 30 seconds. Tell them they are all words they have seen before. Students enjoy racing the stopwatch.

Time your student reading from the reading sheet. Record the number of correct responses on the record sheet.

20 words read correctly in 30 seconds = achieved

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

mat

sit

at

sit

it

Tim

Tam

Sam

man

not

pot

nap

tin

on

sip

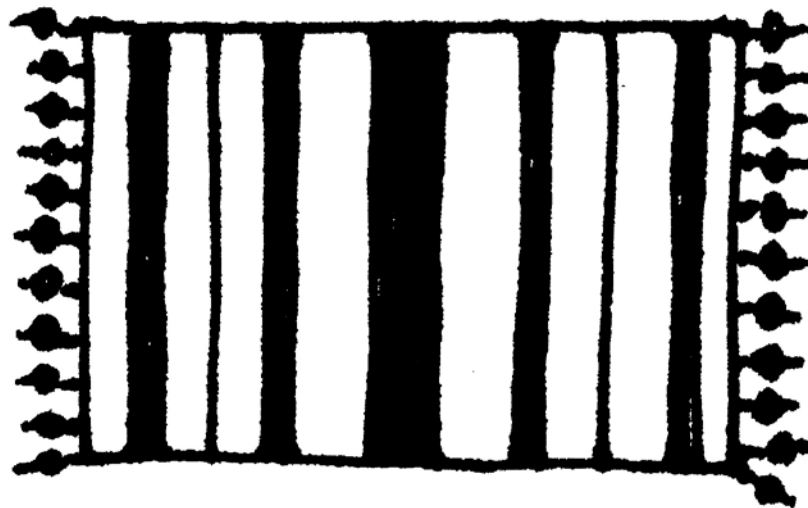
tap

Tom

mop

top

nip



Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

tag

mob

gas

hit

bet

cup

get

cap

bit

hat

nib

sob

him

hog

cab

hip

bib

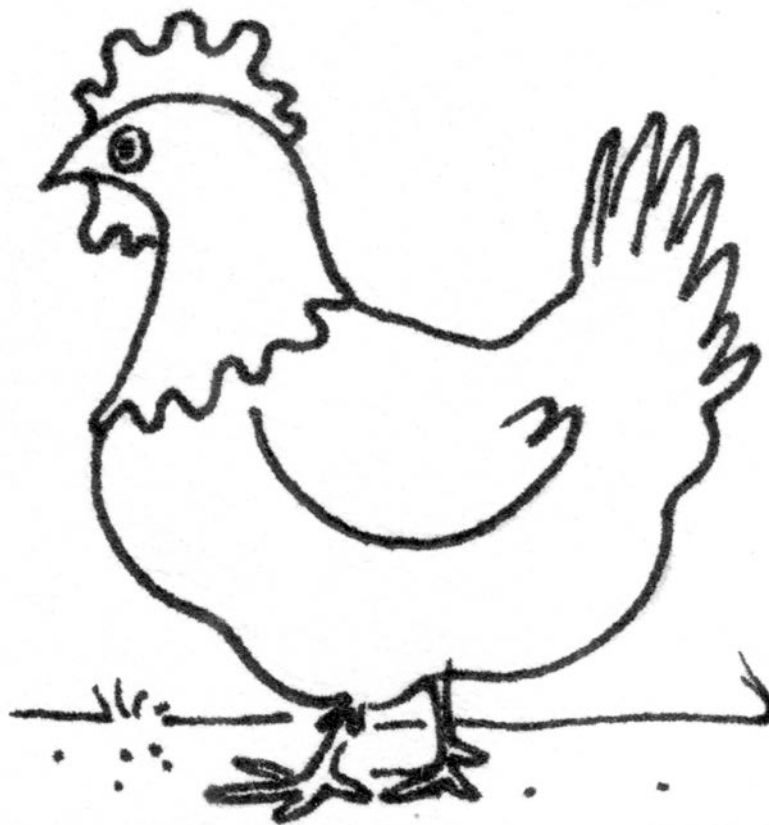
cop

bog

can



Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



bad

nod

dam

dig

fed

fog

hen

met

dog

peg

fig

din

beg

men

set

hip

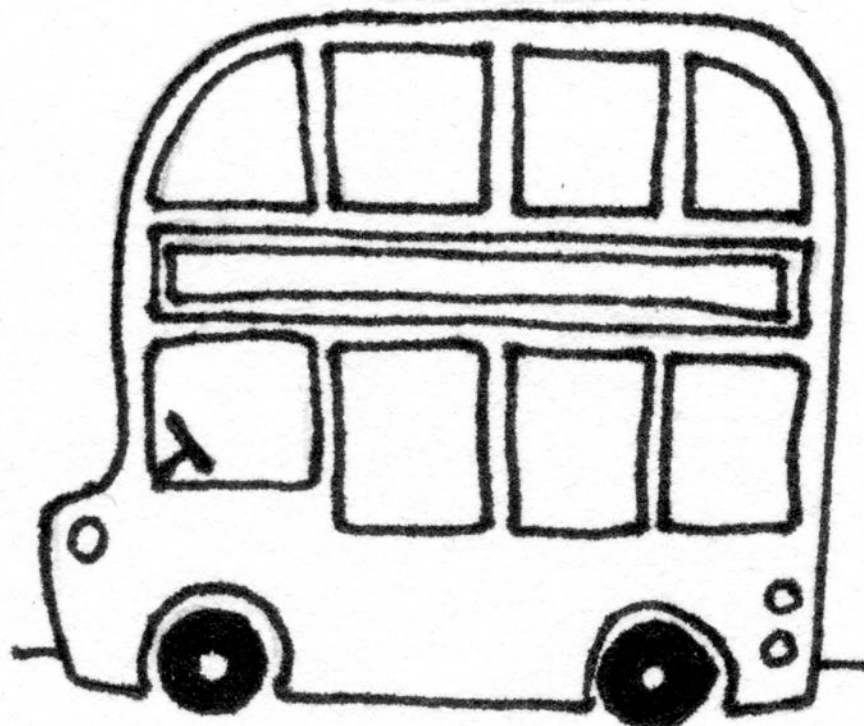
fit

bed

hid

vet

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



bus

rib

let

dug

sum

kid

rot

mum

lid

rug

pal

dip

bed

cut

keg

rat

log

lit

gum

red

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

zip

jet

win

jig

fez

jam

wig

wed

jug

wag

zap

wok

jut

jot

web

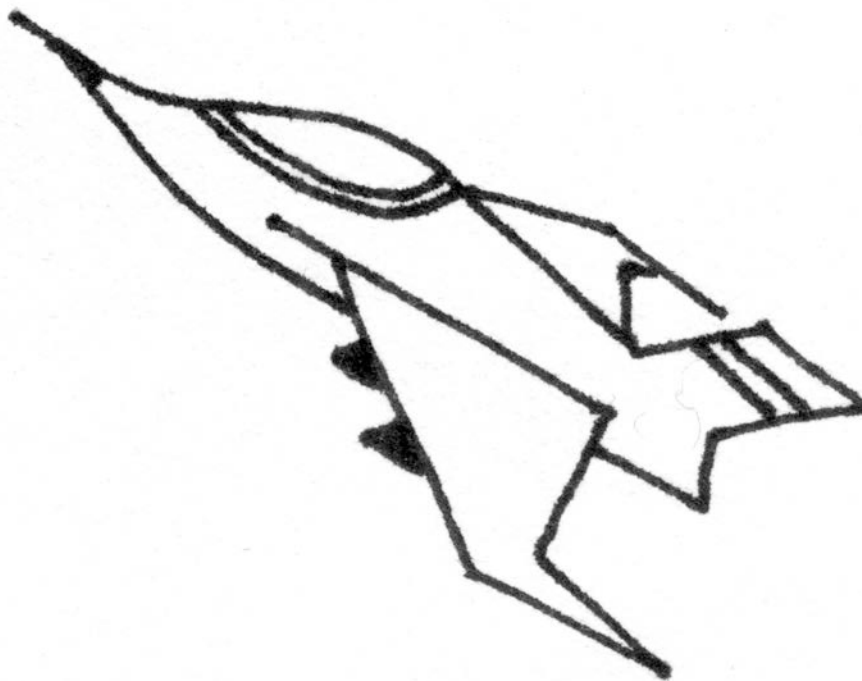
job

wet

Zed

jab

wit



Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



jam

jog

wig

jug

zip

jet

web

fez

job

wag

wet

jab

jot

wok

jib

wit

jut

win

jab

wed

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



fox

yap

box

Jeff

sell

six

fuss

vex

mess

yell

tax

yak

less

jazz

mess

will

fizz

gull

puff

buzz

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



sell

yes

vex

mill

tell

mix

huff

mess

tiff

sax

pill

yet

hill

jazz

will

puff

fell

less

fox

yap

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

and

ant

elf

end

best

desk

kept

left

nest

wept

film

gift

limp

bump

soft

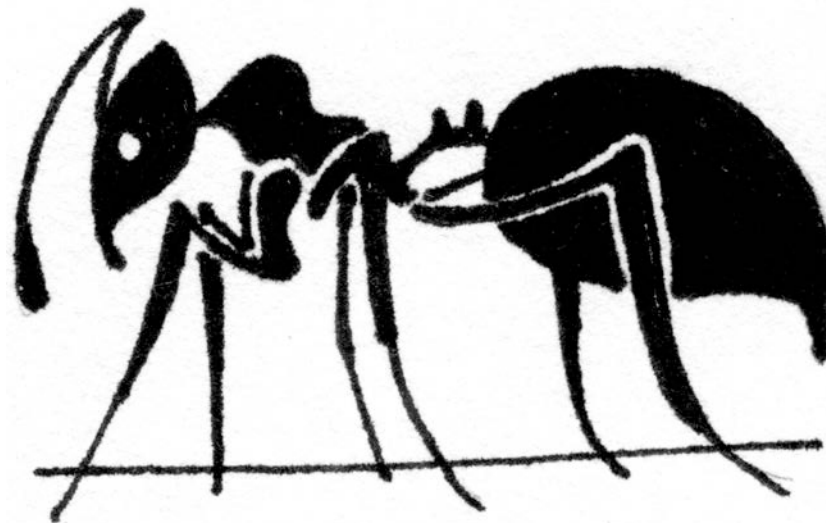
pond

wink

wind

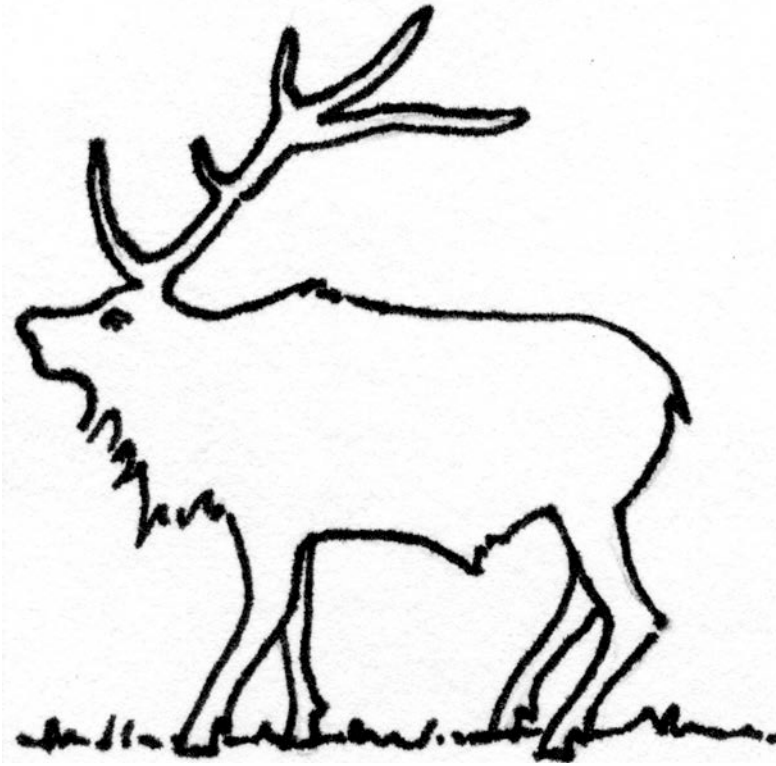
sink

list



SpeedRead

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



lamp

ants

sink

lost

imps

pump

and

jump

hand

limp

milk

asp

nuts

tusk

kept

cost

lips

melt

elk

bend

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

soft

dwell

damp

blot

must

fluff

nest

grit

fact

grill

kilt

skin

rift

twig

wisp

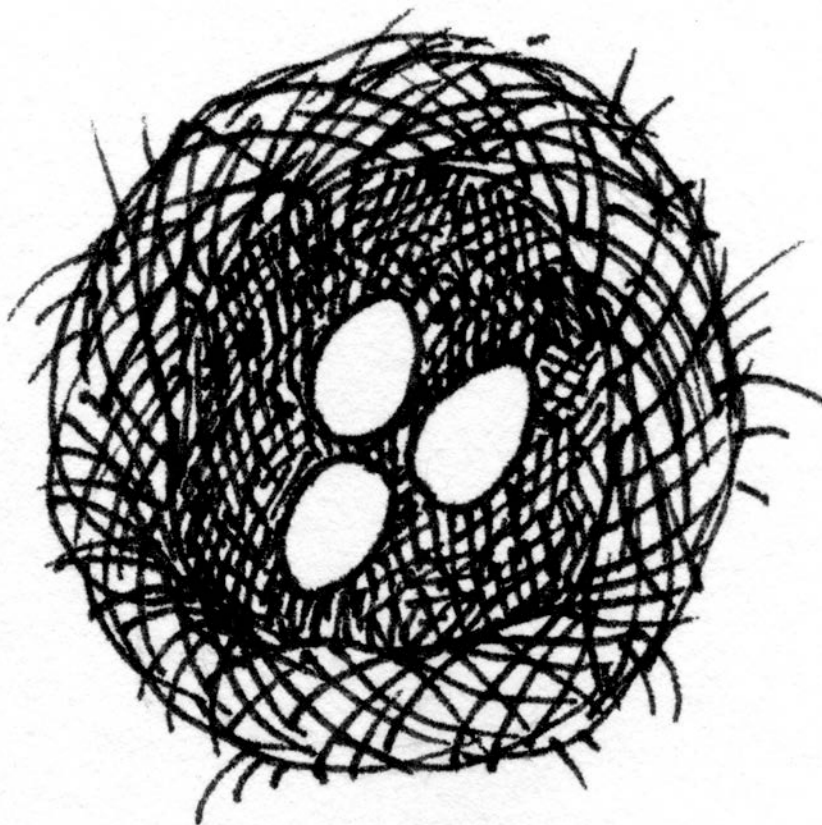
trap

yelp

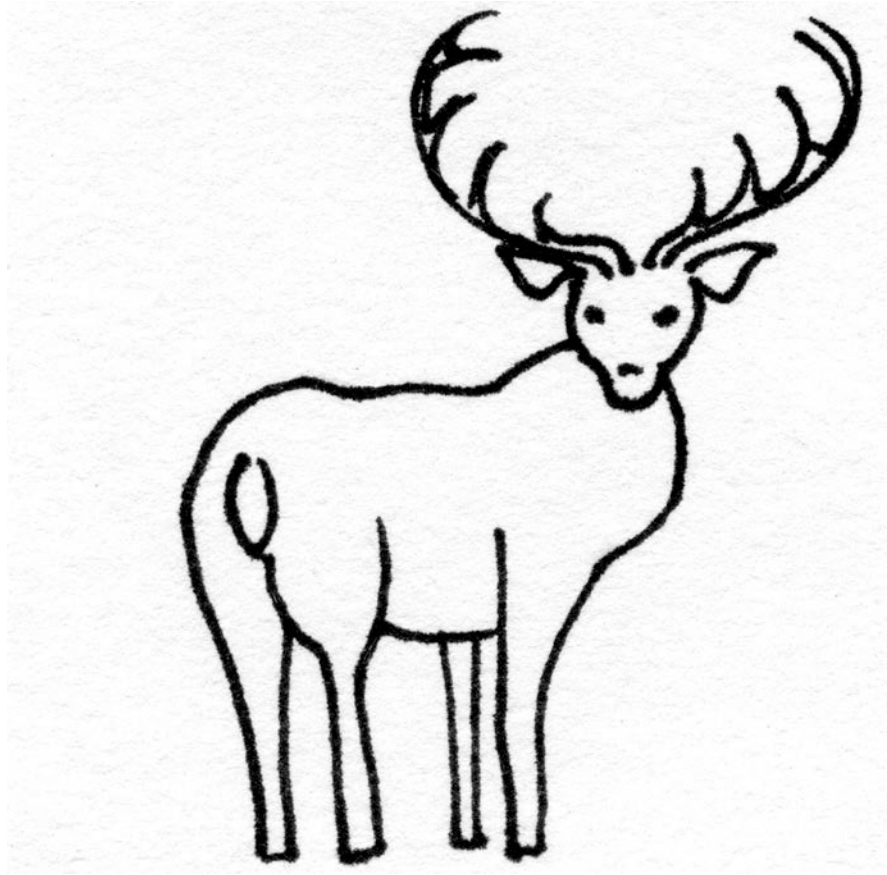
spill

wept

stiff



Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



smell

dwell

swop

stag

fret

fluff

skid

grit

cram

grill

clog

skin

spell

twig

drag

trap

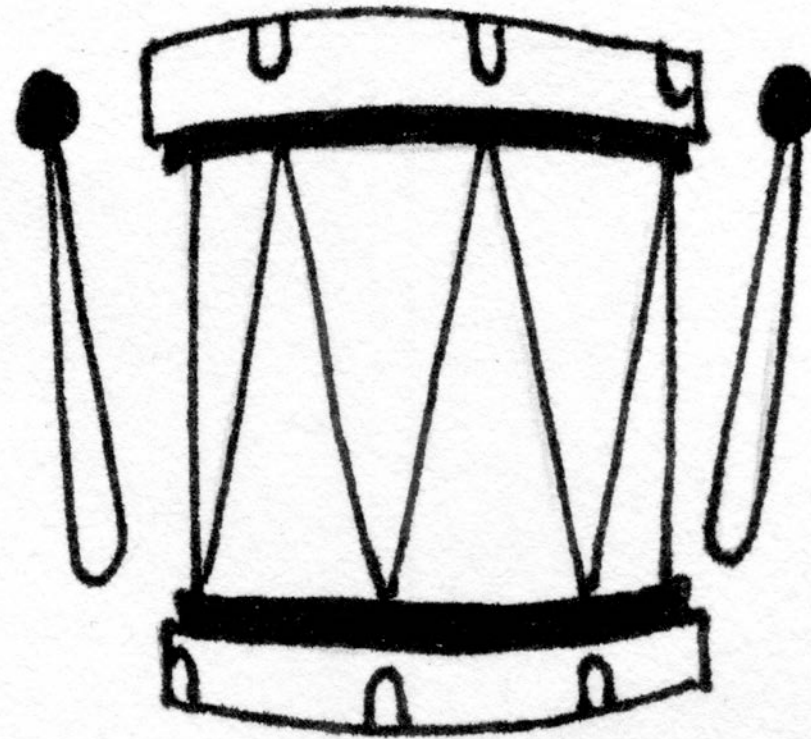
grip

spill

flap

stiff

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



flan

twin

press

grit

brim

stuff

slap

drum

trim

blob

glum

slog

flit

frill

gloss

swell

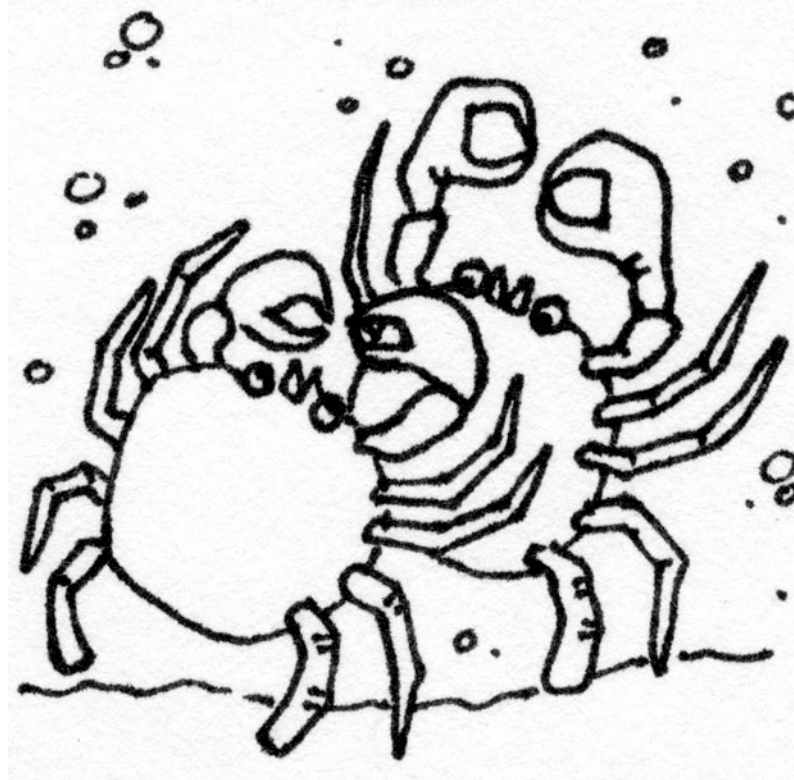
grid

smug

flat

drip

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



blink

sinks

plump

stamp

smog

crabs

prod

smelt

trump

print

slept

snob

grand

pram

frost

crib

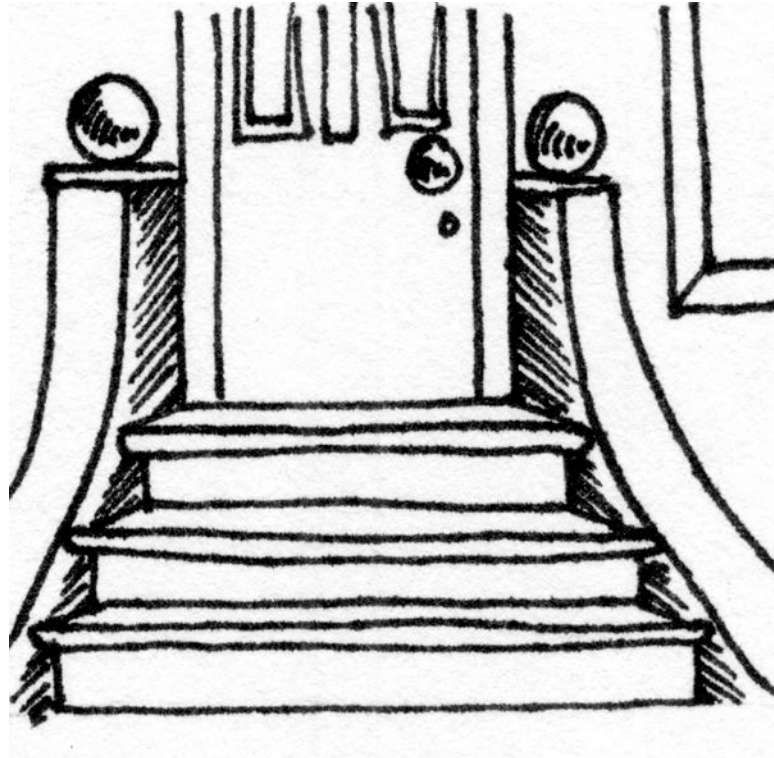
drip

hands

strum

brand

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



blank

frisk

yanks

steps

scalp

crust

scrub

ramps

drift

limps

cramp

glint

drops

slump

stank

dusts

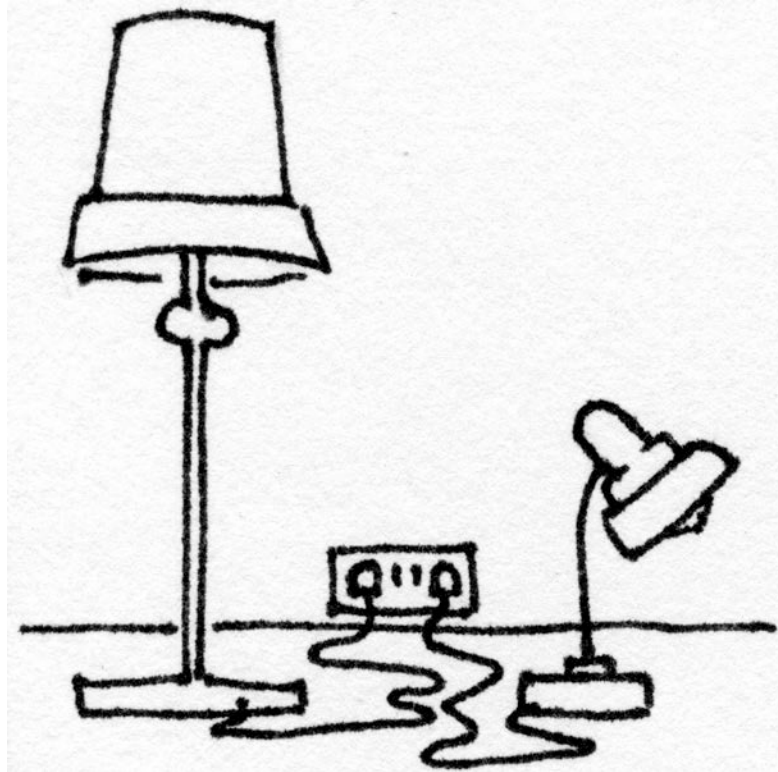
skunk

melts

strum

sprat

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



skimp

sprig

stunt

glitz

clunk

flint

strap

trunk

crept

prank

belts

brisk

lamps

winks

stilt

strip

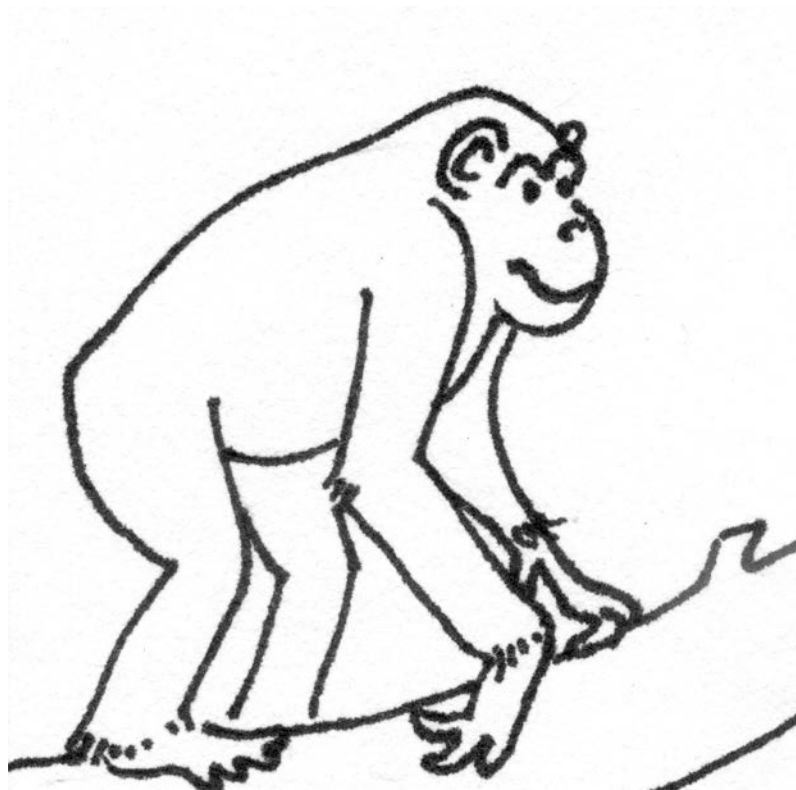
smelt

croft

stomp

scram

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



chink

chop

chill

chips

rich

such

chug

inch

chant

chest

chimp

bench

much

chess

chunk

finch

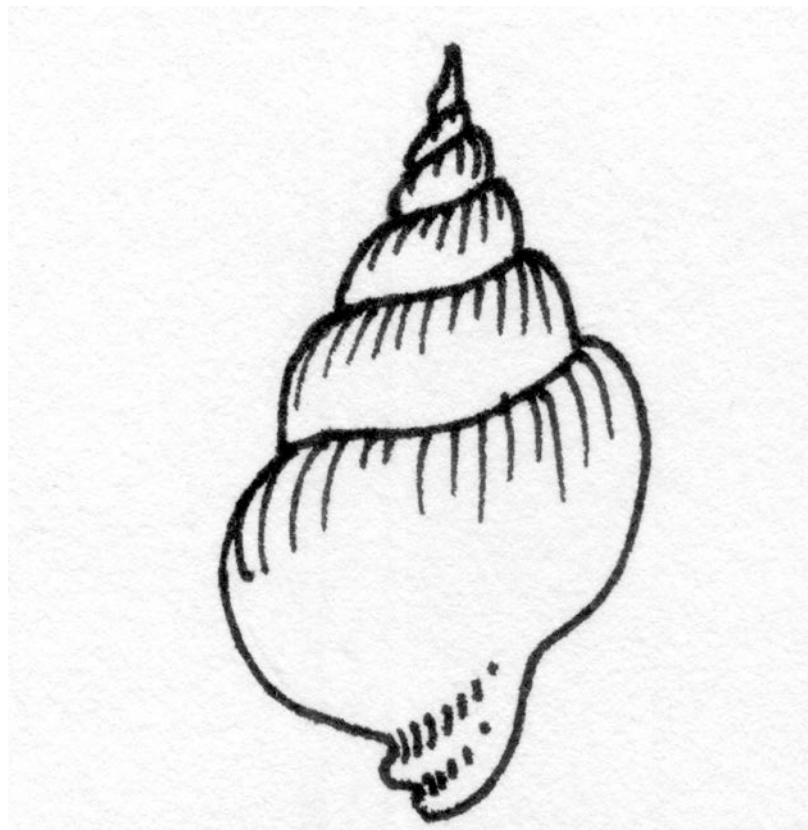
munch

lunch

bunch

pinch

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?



shed

shop

shell

dash

mash

fresh

crash

shelf

fish

shift

trash

dish

brush

shred

shrub

shrug

cash

wish

flush

blush

Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

thin

thud

thank

theft

tenth

thing

thump

than

that

with

them

this

then

fifth

throb

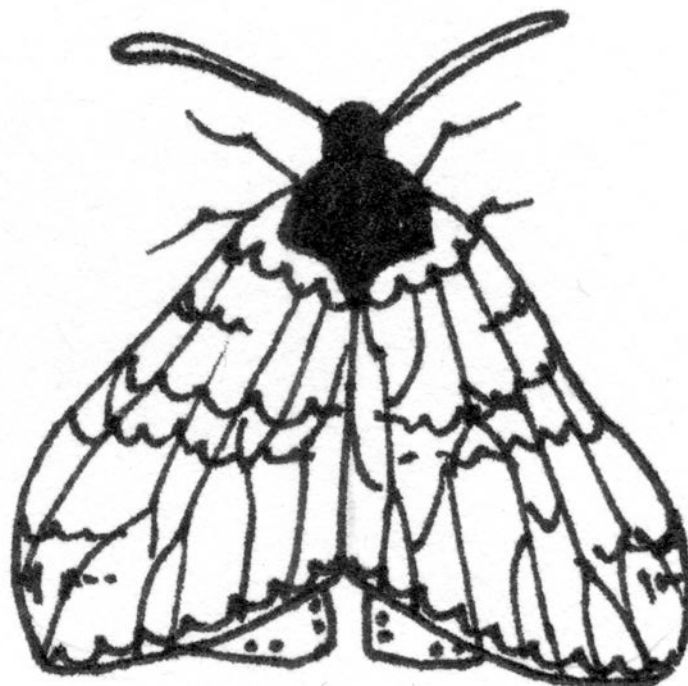
froth

moth

depth

sixth

cloth



Can you read 20 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

back

duck

neck

sick

lick

lock

sock

luck

snack

stick

clock

flock

stuck

check

thick

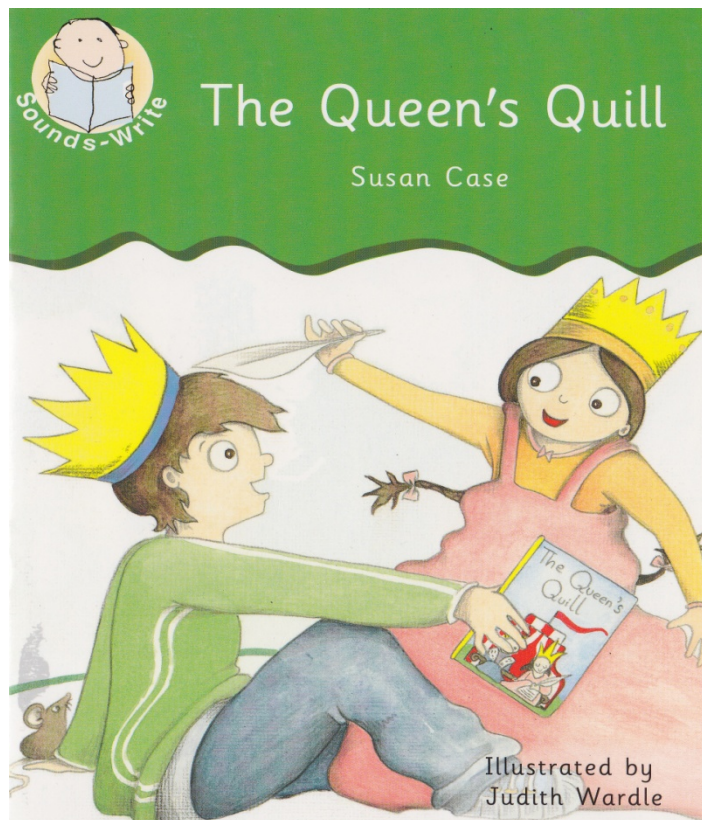
pack

rock

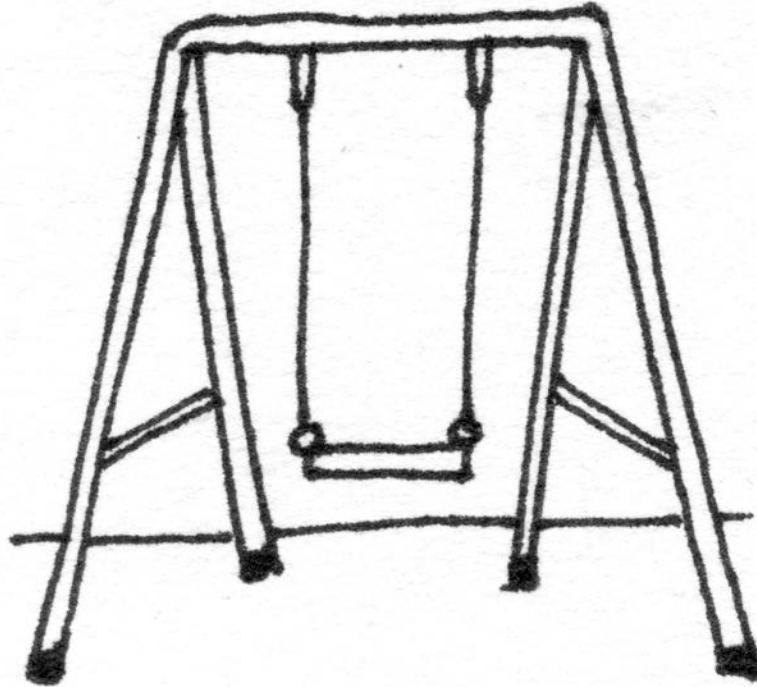
truck

struck

black



Can you read 10/20 words correctly in 30/60 seconds?



king

song

wing

bang

ring

sting

swing

sing

thing

wing

string

bring

long

songs

things

rungs

slings

wings

lung

thong

Can you read 10/20 words correctly in 30/60 seconds?

queen

quit

quiz

quilt

quill

quid

squid

quick

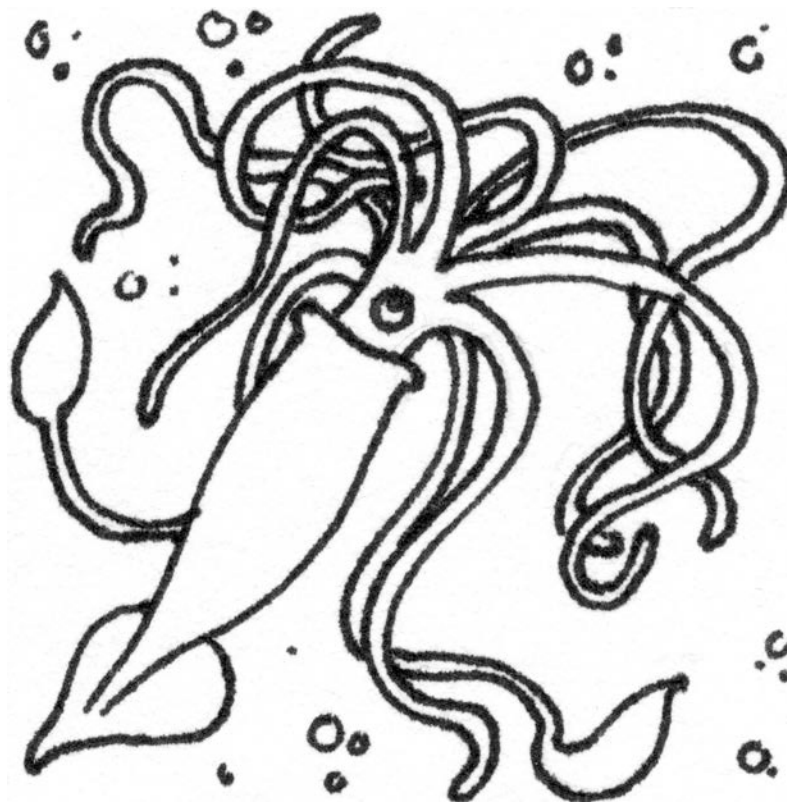
quack

quest

quell

quitch

quint



quip

quiff

squid

quin

quell

quench

quills

Can you read 10 words correctly
in 30 seconds?

