

## Lessons 12: Shortcuts ăn ěn ǒn ǐn ǔn

**Phonics Focus:** In phonics, a shortcut is a sequence of letters frequently used together. Once a student learns to recognize these patterns, he will no longer need to sound out the individual letters. He will simply recognize the shortcut and say it.

Many words are made up of these shortcuts. Write them on cards and drill them until they are learned. Look for them in words, books, newspapers, and magazines. Have the student find the shortcuts on this page and circle them. Also have the student underline the blends. It is never too early to help build the student's vocabulary. If the student does not know what a word means, explain it and talk about the word. Use them in sentences. If a word has multiple meanings, discuss those as well.

<u>ă</u> n	<u>ě</u> n	<u>ǐ</u> n	<u>ǒ</u> n	<u>ǔ</u> n
pan	fan	sand	man	
ran	and	Dan	ant	
plan	plant	land	brand	
can	scan	band	hand	
stand	grand	van	tan	
clan	bran	span	slant	

rant	grant	bland	expand
candle	cannon	infant	animal
bandit	sandal	flannel	instant
fantastic	panel	send	den
hen	Ken	pen	men
ten	glen	wren	yen
Ben	then	dent	end
mend	went	spend	lend
blend	Jen	blend	Don
bond	fond	honk	pond
blond	bun	fun	sun
gun	pun	punt	runt
hunt	nun	spun	stun
grunt	bin	fin	grin
kin	skin	spin	win
tin	inn	pin	sin
thin	twin		

## PRACTICE:

1. Pat and Jen had a grand tan van.
2. The tan van has a dent.
3. The top is bent.
4. Ben will mend the dent.
5. Ten men ran on the sand.
6. Jen had fun in the sun and the sand.
  
7. Blond Don is fond of ponds.
8. Don will get frogs in the pond.
9. Ken went for a pen.
10. Spin to win.
11. The thin twin will win.
12. Ben will hunt for the ten hens.



# Fans

Men went.  
Spend, grin.  
Hot dog buns.  
Lots of fun.  
Home runs.  
Wads of gum.  
Baseball fans.



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Where does this poem take place?
2. What are some of the things that baseball fans do at baseball games?
3. Do you think the author likes baseball games? How can you tell?

PROJECT: Malachi 4:6a says, “And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers...” It is wonderful to enjoy an activity with your dad or other significant adult. Today, ask an adult in your life if he or she would help you practice pitching and catching a ball or kicking a soccer ball. It will be fun!