

Lesson 13: Shortcuts ăck ěck ĭck ock uck

Phonics Rule: In this set of short cuts (ăck ěck ĭck ock uck), “ck” together is a two-letter k. It is only pronounced once. The vowel in front of this two-letter k is always short.

Directions: Circle the shortcuts in these words. Underline the blends.

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tack	tick	tock	tuck
back	deck	dock	duck
peck	pick	puck	pock
pack	beck	buck	clock
clack	click	cluck	crack
crock	flack	flick	flock
fleck	lack	lick	lock
luck	stack	stick	stock

stuck	speck	slick	slack
brick	block	black	smack
snack	jack	quick	track
trick	truck	ruckus	rack
Rick	rock	sick	suck
sack	sock	smock	brick
kick	wick	Vick	

Phonics Rule: “A” in the middle of a syllable is usually short ă, but in words that contain “all”, the “L” changes the “A” to a broader sound similar to the short ǒ.

all	ball	fall	hall
small	wall	call	mall
tall	pall	gall	squall
bas/ket/ball	tall/er	small/est	stall

PRACTICE:

1. All the ducks are in the hall.
2. I am small, but Ben is tall.
3. The wall is red.
4. The small/est hen is black.
5. Call the dog and pet him.



The Red Pick/up Truck

Ken has a red pick/up truck. It has black flaps. It is a grand truck, and it will go fast. The men think his truck is fast and will win.

Ken has **bricks** in the **back**. He must get gas in his **truck**. He stops to fill up the tank and to get a **snack**.

Ken's **truck** is fast and he thinks it is the best. It went up a big hill and did not stop. Ken went in the mud. His **truck** has lots of mud on it. It has mud on the flaps and on the **back**. His **truck** will not get **stuck** in the mud. He ran it in the sand, and it did not get **stuck**. He ran it past a log and it did not get **stuck**.

Ken runs his **truck** fast and it hits a rock. It is a bad bump. His **truck** is bent. It has a big dent. Ken is sad. He will not win. He must fix his **truck**. He will get

help. Ken will yell for help. He will jump up and fix a flag on top of his **truck**. Men will help him. Ken had lots of fun.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of event was Ken participating in?
2. Was Ken racing on a track or was it Off-Road Racing?
3. Why was Ken not able to complete the race?

Tick Tock Clock



Tick Tock Clock.

The clock will tick.

Tick Tock Clock.

The clock will tock.

Birds flock.

Ducks quack.

Hens cluck.

Tick tock clock.

Jump up quick.

Stack the blocks.

Have a snack.

Tick tock clock.

Lips smack.

Kiss, kiss, hugs.

Hug **necks**.

Tick tock clock.

Off **socks**.

Up to bed.

Tuck in.

Tick tock clock.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the main idea of this poem?

- a. Birds are noisy.
- b. It's time to get ready for bed.
- c. I lost my socks.

2. What do you do to get ready for bed?

Jack The Black Cat

Jack the black cat is Deb's pet. Deb had ten cats. Jack was the runt. Deb was fond of Jack. Deb and Jack had lots of fun and Jack did tricks. Jack will sit and put his paw in Deb's hand. Jack can hop on the block wall to smack at bugs, and he did not miss. Jack was quick to run to his pan and sit up on his back legs for a snack.

Deb and Jack the black cat went to the pond to sit on the dock. Deb saw a flock of ducks. The ducks had small black specks and red bills. The ducks got in the mud and went "QUACK, QUACK!" and "SLAP, SLAP" and made a big ruck/us. Jack just licked his lips and smacked a sand fly.

Then Deb went to dig clams. Deb dug up the clams and Jack sat in the sand and smacked the back of a tan Pom Pom crab. Then Deb went to check the clock. Tick tock, it was six o'clock. "Quick, Jack! Let's have a snack on the back deck as the sun sets". Deb had Cracker Jacks and Jack the black cat sat on Deb's lap and licked his paws. Jack got a big hug. Jack the black cat is Deb's best pal.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Jack was the runt of the cats. That means that he was the smallest cat. How many cats did Deb have?
2. What was one trick that Jack could do?
3. Who is Deb's best pal?

PROJECT: Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." This means that in order to have friends, you must be friendly to others! Today, try to be friendly to everyone you meet. Smile and say "hello", give a high five or a hug, and compliment your friend (say something nice about them). If you have a pet, be a good friend and spend some time with it: petting it, talking to it, and taking it for a walk!