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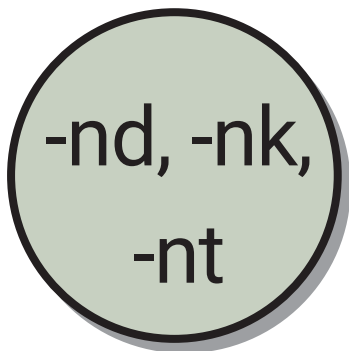
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# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the ending blends



Try these decodable words!

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sand

think

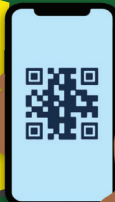
## New Vocabulary

**castle:** a big home or palace for a king or queen

**chipmunk:** a small type of squirrel

## Let's Read!

Scan the QR code to watch a fun 2-minute video about the book.



Frank and Rosalind are pals. They love to play.

Frank digs in the sandbox. Rosalind helps Frank. She puts the sand in a bucket.

"Let's do a sandcastle!" says Rosalind.

"Yes!" says Frank.



"I want it to be big!" says Frank.

He puts sand on top.

"I want it to be pink!" says Rosalind.

Her pink bow is now a flag.



"I like your sandcastle," says Mom.

Rosalind's sis is standing by the sandbox.

"I want to play too!"

Frank looks at Rosalind.



Rosalind's sis digs in the sand. She finds a rock. She wants to put the rock on the sandcastle.

"No, Jen!" says Rosalind. "That's where the pink flag goes."

"Rosalind, be kind to Jen," says Mom.



Rosalind thinks about it. She says  
Jen can play too.

Then, Frank and Rosalind put plants  
by the sandcastle.

“They look like trees!” says Rosalind’s  
sis.



The kids stand up to look at the sandcastle.

"Oh no!" says Frank. "What is that?"

A chipmunk jumps into the sandbox. The chipmunk finds the plants. It gets one of the plants.

Rosalind's sis yells at the chipmunk. "Go! Go!"



The chipmunk runs off. Rosalind's sis has saved the day!

Mom gives Rosalind and Jen a hug.

Frank winks at his pals.

"I think the chipmunk just wanted to hang out in a great sandcastle!"





## Phonics Fun

- Look at the list of words in the book.
- Write the words on cards or pieces of paper.
- Sort the words by ending blends -nd, -nk, -nt.



## Comprehension

What clues from the book helped you know they all had a good time together in the sandbox?



## Decodable Words

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| and      | Rosalind |
| chipmunk | sand     |
| find     | sandbox  |
| Frank    | stand    |
| kind     | think    |
| pink     | want     |
| plant    | wink     |



## High Frequency Words

now      one      think









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Decodable Set: 21

Skill: Ending Blends  
-nd, -nk, -nt

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