Blend Sound Switch

Listen for the one sound that changes.

3.LF.7 "Demonstrate advanced phonemic awareness skills in spoken words. a. Delete phonemes in initial and final blends of a spoken word. b. Substitute phonemes in initial and final blends in a spoken word. c. Reverse phonemes in a spoken word. d..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

REMOVE A SOUND

One sound in a blend is taken away. All the other sounds stay the same.

frog → fog

SWAP A SOUND

One sound in a blend is replaced by a different sound. No sound is added or taken away.

clip → flip

1 SORT

8 items

For SORT, say each pair aloud and circle REMOVE or SWAP; for PROVE IT, pick two numbered pairs and explain which sound changed in each.

1. slip → sip REMOVE SWAP

2. hand → had REMOVE SWAP

3. fast → fat REMOVE SWAP

4. spin → skin REMOVE SWAP

5. left → let REMOVE SWAP

6. best → bent REMOVE SWAP

7. train → drain REMOVE SWAP

8. wind → win REMOVE SWAP

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new pair of real words for REMOVE and one for SWAP. Change only one sound in an initial or final blend in each pair.

REMOVE _____

SWAP _____

CHALLENGE

Write a three-word chain. First, remove one sound from a blend to make a real word. Then add a different sound to make another real word. Name the sound you removed and the sound you added.

ANSWER KEY

Blend Sound Switch

GRADE 3 · 3.LF.7

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	slip → sip	**REMOVE**	The /l/ is removed from the initial blend /sl/.
2	hand → had	**REMOVE**	The /n/ is removed from the final blend /nd/.
3	fast → fat	**REMOVE**	The /s/ is removed from the final blend /st/.
4	spin → skin	**SWAP**	The /p/ in the initial blend is replaced by /k/.
5	left → let	**REMOVE**	The /f/ is removed from the final blend /ft/.
6	best → bent	**SWAP**	The /s/ in the final blend is replaced by /n/.
7	train → drain	**SWAP**	The /t/ in the initial blend is replaced by /d/.
8	wind → win	**REMOVE**	The /d/ is removed from the final blend /nd/.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **REMOVE**: smile → mile
- **SWAP**: crab → grab

Challenge: brim → rim → trim. Remove /b/, then add /t/.

For PROVE IT, accept any two numbered pairs with the correct sound named and an explanation of whether it was removed or replaced. Listen to the spoken sounds rather than counting letters.