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Decoding to Read Fluently

ANSWERS

Some words look and sound alike. If we read too fast, we might say the wrong word. It is important for readers to pay attention to the beginning and end sounds of words so they can read the correct word!

The beginning sound of the word is the first part. → blend

The end sound of the word is the last part. → blend

Example: The gecko tries to blend in with its surroundings. (blend, bend)

Directions: Read the passage below. Choose the best word from the Word Bank to put into each blank. Hint: Pay attention to the context and the beginning and end word sounds!

You have probably seen things flying in the sky.

People saw birds flying in the air and wanted to do that. Humans made airplanes.

An airplane is able to fly through the air because it has an engine. The engine and wings help the plane stay in the air. A pilot controls it. A plane stays in the air even though there is gravity, the force that keeps us on Earth.

Airplanes have many uses. Airplanes bring people from one place to another. The military uses airplanes to deliver people and goods. It uses airplanes to watch and protect people.

Word Bank

pace strays
seen saw
made seek
plane stays
place mane
straw plate

Directions: Use the Read Aloud Checklist to assess how well you read the paragraph out loud. Mark the score you feel best represents your performance in each category by placing a checkmark (✓) in the box.

Student answers will vary

| My Score | Pacing | Volume | Preparedness |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| I did great! | | | |
| I could do better. | | | |
| I need some help. | | | |

