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Decoding: Using Beginning and End Sounds

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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 each sentence below. Pay attention to the context, and then look at the choices to decide which word best completes the sentence. Circle your answer and write it on the line. Hint: Pay attention to the *beginning* sound!

1. I saw an owl in the tree. (straw, **saw**)
2. We will bake cupcakes for the birthday party. (brake, **bake**)
3. My brother tried to blame me for breaking the lamp. (**blame**, lame)
4. I want to thank you for your help. (tank, **thank**)
5. Please stack your books on the table. (snack, **stack**)

Directions: Read each sentence below. Pay attention to the context, and then look at the choices to decide which word best completes the sentence. Circle your answer and write it on the line. Hint: Pay attention to the *end* sound!

6. When you get on a bus, you must find a seat. (**seat**, sea)
7. We plant flowers in the backyard. (plan, **plant**)
8. I lost one book that belongs to the library. (**book**, boot)
9. They hope to get a new puppy soon. (**they**, then)
10. My mother wants me to eat my food at the table. (foot, **food**)

