

Digital Playgrounds

FOR COUNTDOWN, BLAST, AND HD WORD



We know teaching remotely hasn't been easy on you and your students. **We are here to help!**



We are excited to announce that Really Great Reading is developing digital playgrounds



that help students independently practice the foundational literacy skills they are learning in



Countdown, Blast and *HD Word*.

Fun, playful
interface keeps
students
engaged

Merge
learning,
assessment,
and
practice

How much does it cost?

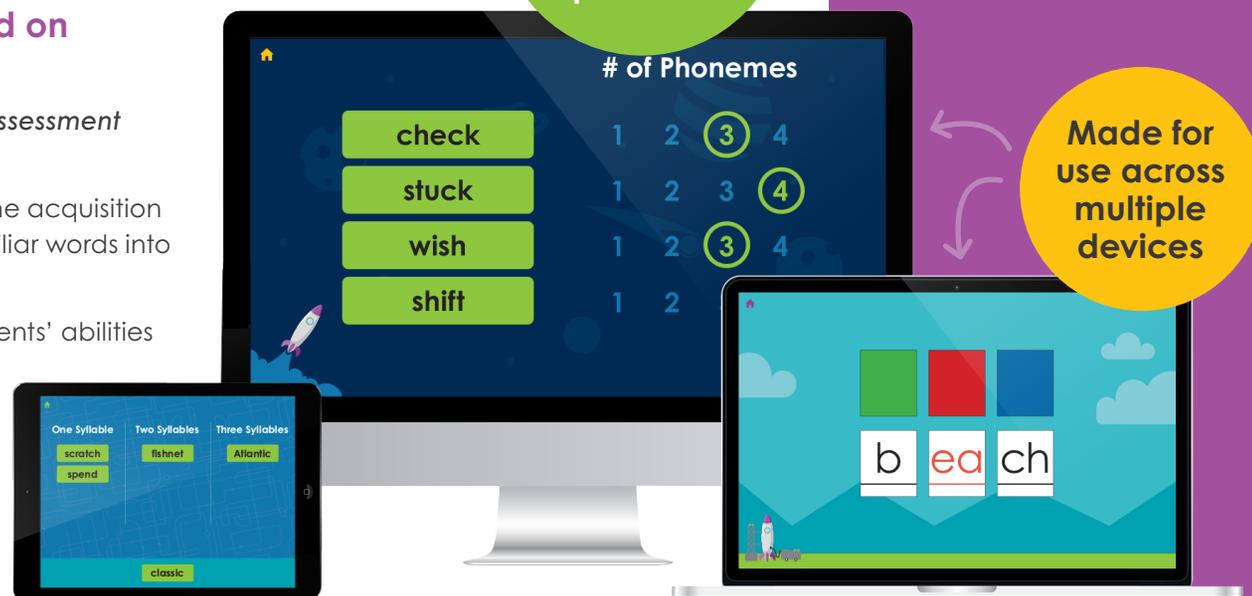
For each student workbook set purchased between March 15 and September 30, we will provide a FREE ticket to the digital playground.

How do I get access?

We will give you the playground tickets, and you can distribute them to your students. Each student gets a unique code (ticket).

These digital playgrounds will be released on September 1st and will feature:

- A *play-based* digital platform that merges *learning, assessment* and *practice*
- *Research-aligned* activities designed to accelerate the acquisition of skills and knowledge necessary to transform unfamiliar words into familiar and instantly recognizable words
- An *adaptive* platform that honors the diversity of students' abilities to master their phonics skills at different rates and with different amounts of practice
- *Responsive* capabilities, so it can be used across multiple devices and platforms
- An *easy-to-read teacher dashboard*, so you can monitor individual student performance



Made for
use across
multiple
devices



Starts with /f/ vs. Starts with /õ/

The interface shows two columns. The left column has a box with the letter 'f' above a white rounded rectangle containing four icons: a fish, a football, a fire, and a feather. The right column has a box with the letter 'õ' above a white rounded rectangle containing four icons: an octopus, green apples, a pan with food, and a cow. A home button is in the top left, and a rocket is in the bottom left.

🔊 "Feather. Does it start with /f/ or /õ/?"

Find the Vowel Phoneme

The interface features a large circular image of a kite flying in the sky. To the right is a 'Long Vowels' panel with six colored circles containing the letters 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', and 'u'. A home button is in the top left, and a rocket is in the bottom left.

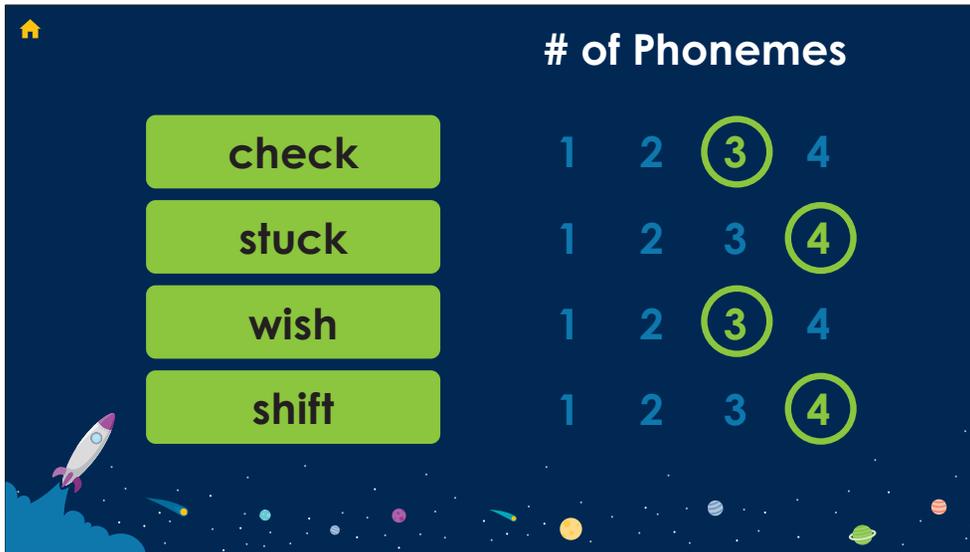
🔊 "Kite. What's the vowel sound in kite?"

Navigation:

The interface shows a grid of 28 numbered buttons (1-28) arranged in four rows of seven. A home button is in the top left, and a rocket is in the bottom left.

Watch children continue to grow and work toward automaticity with additional repetition and practice opportunities.

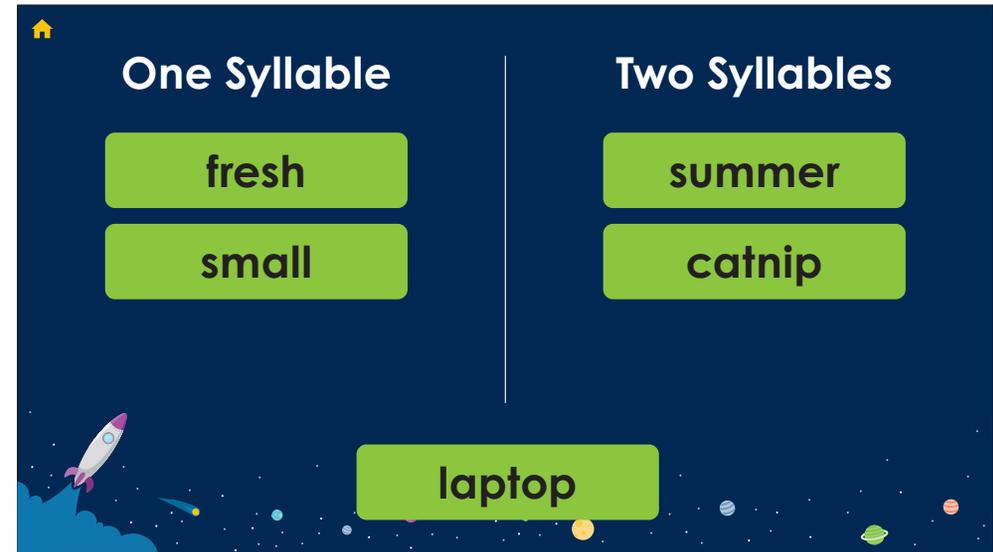
Count the Phonemes



Word	1	2	3	4
check	1	2	3	4
stuck	1	2	3	4
wish	1	2	3	4
shift	1	2	3	4

Count the number of phonemes in each word.

Word Sort



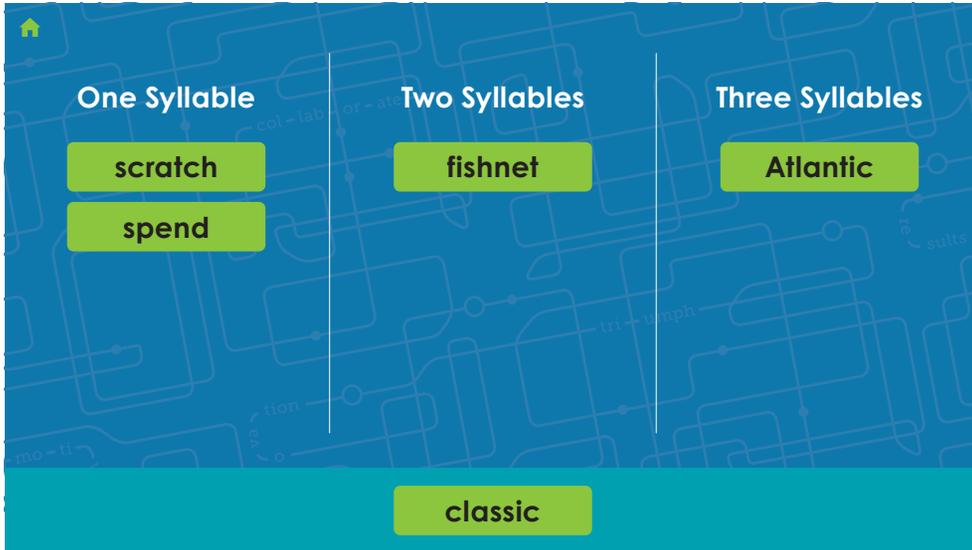
Sort the words according to how many syllables they have.

Navigation:



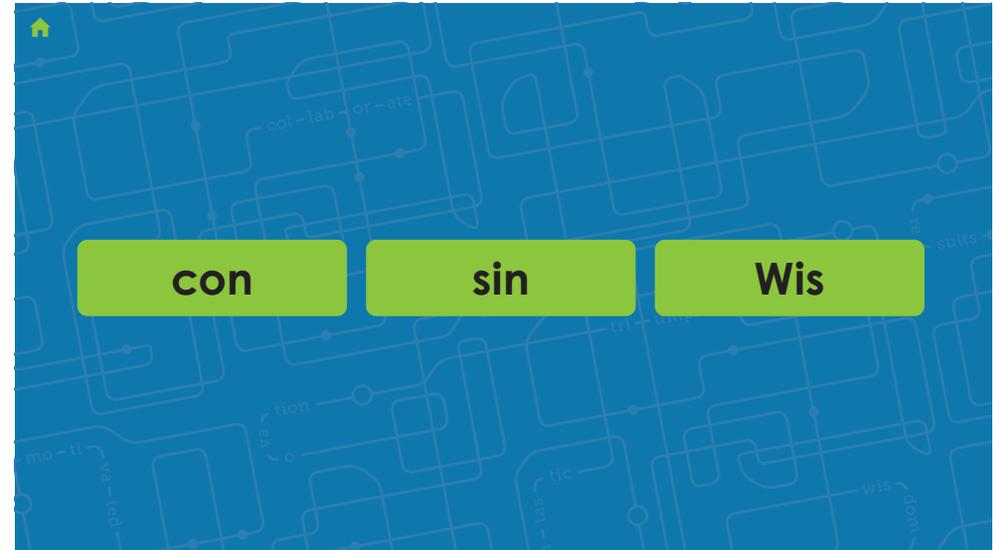
Kids independently practice the skills and concepts that they are learning in Blast.

Word Sort



🔊 Sort the words according to how many syllables they have.

Word Drag



🔊 Drag the word parts in the correct order to spell Wisconsin.

Navigation:



Let's Play! Choose a unit.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33			

Features an adaptive platform that honors the diversity of students' abilities to master their phonics skills at different rates and with different amounts of practice.

What is the cost?

For each student workbook set purchased between March 15 and September 30, we will provide a FREE ticket to the digital playground. This means that if you've ordered student workbooks, or if you are planning to order them, the digital playground is included! Each ticket is good for one student and allows access to the playground free of charge until December 31, 2020. By the way, Letter Tile Free Play is included!

How do my students access it?

We will give you the playground tickets, and you can distribute them to your students. Each student has his or her own unique code that tracks the student's progress and reports on how well and how quickly the student is mastering foundational literacy skills.

Is it FERPA and COPPA compliant?

Yes, your students' data and privacy are important to us.

Do I still get the student workbooks that I ordered?

Yes, you'll still get the books you ordered plus the digital playground through December 2020. The guided practice facilitated with the student workbooks is still a bridge to mastery for most students, but when guided practice cannot be completed in person, the independent practice provided via the digital playgrounds is a close second.

Is this part of Really Great Reading's COVID crisis solution?

Yes, we know that many states are anticipating the need for distance learning or alternating instructional days this fall. Both are very challenging for K-3 learners. Really Great Reading is working hard to be responsive to these challenges. We firmly believe that computers cannot teach children to read, but there are ways to use computers to help students develop mastery and automatically in a playful, game-based way.

Can I just order tickets to the digital playground?

Yes, you can order one ticket for \$19 a year per student or \$14 for 6 months per student.

Does this replace the student workbooks?

No. It augments and solidifies the guided practice found in the student workbook. The workbook activities are designed to facilitate guided practice. Guided practice is a crucial component for most students. There is no replacement for a teacher hearing a child read out loud and offering real-time corrective (adjusting) feedback.

The digital playground provides independent practice, which has some advantages (adaptivity, home accessibility, etc.), but it cannot replace the "magical" touch that a teacher provides. Until we can get back to having a sufficient amount of time with our students, these playgrounds will help you know who needs more of your magic.

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