Lesson 1



/sk/

initial position: **sc**hool, **sk**i final position: de**sk**

Key Words school, scared, ski, desk

Additional Words scale, scooter, skirt, mask; sky, skate, scarf (Lessons 2 and 4)

Objectives

Students will

- hear and produce /sk/.
- associate sounds and letter blends.
- associate sounds, words, and images.
- differentiate between /sk/ and /s/.

Resources

Student Book p. 58
Audio TR: 149–152 (Audio CD, Website)



Warm Up Say We've learned letter blends with r and l. Now we're going to learn blends with another letter. Look at Unit 8. What letter are we going to blend with in this unit?

Have students flip through pp. 58–61 and say what letter they see in each blend. (s) Have students make the /s/ sound. Then ask What words do we know with /s/? I'll start. Sit. Point to the student in the first seat and say (Felipe) give me another word with /s/. Go around the class until each student has said a word with /s/.

1 Say Now look at page 58. What letters are we going to blend with s? (c and k) Then ask What sound does k make? (/k/) What sounds does c make? (/k/ or /s/) That's right. But when we blend other letters with c, it usually makes the /k/ sound. Write the word crayon to remind students of this, if necessary. Underline the cr as you sound the word out.

Say Now let's learn how we blend the letter's with the sound /k/. Write school on the board and underline the letters sc. Ask What sound do the letters sc make in school? Have students make the /sk/ sound. Then write sky on the board, underline sk, and point out that the /sk/ sound is the same. Then

say Let's learn more words with the letters sc or sk for /sk/. Play TR: 149. Have students follow the words. Play TR: 150 and have students listen and repeat.

TR: **I49** and TR: **I50**

Sc /sk/ I. /sk/ school 2. /sk/ scared; Sk /sk/ I. /sk/ ski 2. /sk/ desk

2 Say Look at the words and pictures in Activity I again. Trace the letters sc and sk. When students finish, have them say each word aloud.

Read the directions aloud. Play TR: 151, pausing for students to circle either sc or sk when they hear /sk/ or s when they hear /s/ in each word. Review the answers as a class.

TR: 151 1. scoop **2.** soup **3.** basket **4.** sink

Use the pictures to help students identify any new words. Read the directions aloud. Play **TR: 152**, pausing for students to circle *I* or 2. Review the answers as a class. For additional practice, write *scale*, *scooter*, *skirt*, and *mask* on the board. Have students underline and say the letters that make the /sk/ in each word.

TR: 152 I. scale, scale **2.** scooter, scooter **3.** skirt, shirt **4.** mask, mash

Extend Pretend to be skiing and ask What letters do we use at the beginning of the word ski? (sk) Write the word on the board and underline sk. Repeat with actions for the words scooter and sit. Call out the three words in random order: Ski. scooter. ski, sit, scooter, sit, ski, Have students do the actions. Then say Now listen to these words. Do the action that matches the spelling of /sk/ or /s/. Call out words beginning with sk, sc, or s in random order: skirt, sun, scale, sky, school, skateboard, surprise, sauce, etc. Students stand and pretend to ski for words with sk or ride a scooter for words with sc. They sit down for words with s. For additional practice, call out the words again and have volunteers write them under the matching sound words on the board.

Wrap Up Say the words from Lesson I aloud, in random order, as well as other familiar words with /sk/, such as skateboard, whiskers, sky, etc. Have students hold up one hand when they hear words with sc and both hands when they hear words with sk.

Lesson 2



/sl/

initial position: **sl**ide medial position: **asl**eep

Key Words slide, slow, sloth, slippers, asleep

Additional Words sled, sleeve; slug (Lesson 4)

Objectives

Students will

- hear and produce /sl/.
- associate sounds and letter blends.
- associate sounds, words, and images.
- differentiate between /sl/ and the sounds /s/ and /sk/.

Resources

Student Book p. 59 Audio TR: 153–156 (Audio CD, Website)

Materials

index cards, scissors (for Warm Up)



Warm Up Give an index card to each pair of students and have them cut it in half. One student writes sk on his or her half of the index card, and the other writes sc on the other half. Call out words with the two spellings in random order: sky, scooter, desk, school, mask, ski, scale, etc. Students listen and hold up their index card when they hear /sk/ with the spelling pattern that matches their card. For example, students who have sk on their cards hold them up when they hear the word *ski*. You may want to ask How do you spell (ski)? For additional practice, have students exchange cards and repeat the activity.

5 Say We know that the letter's followed by c or k usually makes the sound /sk/. Now let's learn another letter blend with /s/. Say Open your books to page 59. What letters do you see? (s, l) What sound does the letter l make? (/l/) That's right. So let's blend /s/ and /l/ together. Write the word sleep on the board and have students read it aloud. Then underline the letters sl and ask What sound do the letters sl make together in sleep? Have students make the /sl/ sound. Then say Let's learn more

words with /sl/. Play TR: 153. Have students follow the words. Play TR: 154 and have students listen and repeat.

TR: 153 and TR: 154 Sl /sl/ 1. /sl/ slide **2.** /sl/ slow **3.** /sl/ sloth **4.** /sl/ slippers **5.** /sl/ asleep

6 Say Look at the words and pictures in Activity 5 again. Trace the letters sl. When students finish, call on volunteers to say each word aloud.

Read the directions aloud. Play TR: 155, pausing for students to circle sl or s. Have students compare their answers in pairs before reviewing them as a class.

TR: 155 I. slope **2.** parsley **3.** seal **4.** dresser

8 Use the pictures to help students identify any new words. Play TR: 156, pausing for students to point to the word under each picture. Read the directions aloud. Then play TR: 156 again, pausing for students to write sk or sl in the words. Review the answers as a class.

TR: 156 I. sky **2.** sled **3.** skate **4.** sleeve

Extend Make a four-column chart on the board with s. sc. sk. and sl as column heads. Point to each column and say Tell me three words with (the letter s). Write (or invite students to write) correct suggestions into the column. Repeat until you have three words in each column. Then have students close their eyes while you change the location of two words. For example, erase sun from the s column and write it in the *sl* column. Erase slow from the sl column and write it in the s column. Say Open your eyes. Which words are in the wrong column? (sun, slow) Invite a student to erase the words and write them back in the correct columns. Repeat the activity, changing different words each time.

Wrap Up Use words with /sl/ to make a tongue twister. Say *A slow sloth in slippers is asleep on the slide.* Have students point to the pictures on the page in the order that they hear the words. Then have students repeat the tongue twister several times, going faster each time.

Lesson 3



/sp/

/st/

Key Words /sp/: spoon, space /st/: star. east

Additional Words spider, stem, sponge, stamp, spot, spin, staff, stuck; spinach (Lesson 4)

Objectives

Students will

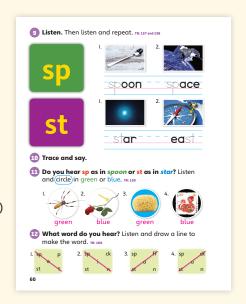
- hear and produce /sp/ and /st/.
- associate sounds and letter blends.
- associate sounds, words, and images.
- differentiate between /sp/ and /st/.

Resources

Student Book p. 60 Audio TR: 157–160 (Audio CD, Website)

Materials

green and blue crayons or colored pencils (one of each per student); index cards (for **Extend** and **Wrap Up**)



Warm Up Write a word from Lesson I or 2 on the board with the letters out of order. For example, write delis for slide. Ask What word can we make with these letters?

Allow students time to figure out the word. Invite a student to write the correct word on the board, spelling it aloud or sounding it out when they can. (s, l, i, d, e or /sl/, /aɪ/, /d/) Repeat with other words and students.

9 Say Let's learn two more letter blends with /s/. What letters do you see with s on page 60? (p, t) What sound does p make? (/p/) What sound does t make? (/t/) Now let's listen to words with the letters sp and st blended together. Play TR: 157. Have students follow the words. Then point to the spoon and ask What sound do the letters sp make in spoon? (/sp/) Have students make the /sp/ sound. Do the same for the word star. Play TR: 158 and have students listen and repeat the words.

TR: 157 and TR: 158

Sp/sp/ I./sp/spoon 2./sp/space; St/st/ I./st/star 2./st/east

Say Look at the words and pictures in Activity 9 again. Trace the letters sp and st. When students

finish, have them read the words aloud.

Make sure each student has green and blue crayons or colored pencils. Use the pictures to identify any new words. Then read the directions aloud. Play TR: 159, pausing for students to circle each picture with the correct color.

TR: 159 I. spider **2.** stem **3.** sponge **4.** stamp

Point to the first square and have students say the letters. Then have students make the correct sounds for each letter or blend. Read the directions aloud. Begin playing TR: 160, pausing after number I. Ask Which word did you hear? (spot) Which sound comes in the beginning of spot—/sp/ or /st/? (/sp/) What sound comes at the end of spot—/p/ or /t/? (/t/) Yes, and $/\alpha/$ comes in the middle: /sp/, /a/, /t/. Which letters do we connect to make the word spot? Model drawing a diagonal line from top left to bottom right, connecting the letters of the word spot. Continue playing TR: 160, pausing for students to connect the letters of the remaining words in the same way. Review the answers as a class.

NOTE: Point out that the letters ck make the sound /k/.

TR: 160 I. spot **2.** spin **3.** staff **4.** stuck

Extend Write key words from Lessons I-3 on index cards, leaving out the underlined target letters: asleep, desk, east, mask, scared, school, scooter, ski, sleeve, slow, space, spider, spoon, stamp, and star. Give the cards to students or pairs of students. Then say Look at your word. Which letters are missing—sc, sk, sl, sp, or st? Write the letters in the word. Then read the word aloud. When students finish, say Now find other students with words that have the same sound. Have students move around the classroom, saying their words and finding other students whose words have the same sound. When they finish, have students stand in their sound groups and read their words aloud.

Wrap Up Use the word cards from the Extend activity. Give a student a card and say *Read and act out the word*. When the class says the correct word, the student shows the card and says the word. Repeat with other students and words.

Lesson 4



/sw/

initial position: swing

Key Words swing, sweep, swan, sweater, swim

Additional Word swipe

Objectives

Students will

- hear and produce /sw/.
- associate sounds and letter blends.
- associate sounds, words, and images.
- differentiate between /sw/ and the sounds /sk/, /sl/, and /sp/.

Resources

Student Book p. 61 Audio **TR: 161–164** (Audio CD, Website)

Materials

index cards, a paper bag (for Extend)



Warm Up Play a word guessing game. On the board, write the letter s and then letter blanks to match a word from Lessons I-3. For example, write s for spoon. Point to the word and say Guess the letters in the word. Invite a student to guess a letter. If the suggested letter is in your word, write it in onto the correct blank (for example: *sp*___). If the suggested letter is not in your word, write an x on the board. Have students try to guess all the letters and say the word before you have written six x's on the board. When the word is complete, have students spell it or sound it out when they can, for example /sp/, /uː/, /n/.

Say Let's learn another letter blend with /s/. Say Open your books to page 61. What letter do you see with s? (w) What sound does w make? (/w/) That's right. So let's blend /s/and /w/ together. Write the word sweater on the board and have students read it aloud. Then underline the letters sw and ask What sound do the letters sw make together in sweater? Have students make the /sw/ sound.

Then say Let's learn more words with /sw/. Play TR: 161. Have students

follow the words. Play **TR: 162** and have students listen and repeat.

TR: 161 and TR: 162 Sw /sw/ 1. /sw/ swing 2. /sw/ sweep 3. /sw/ swan 4. /sw/ sweater 5. /sw/ swim

Say Look at the words and pictures in Activity 13 again. Trace the letters sw. When students finish, call on volunteers to say the words aloud.

Read the directions aloud. Then play **TR: 163**, pausing for students to circle *Yes* or *No*. Have students compare their answers in pairs before reviewing them as a class.

TR: 163 I. swallow **2.** sandal **3.** sweat **4.** switch

Use the pictures to help students identify any new words. Play TR: 164, pausing for students to point to the words under each picture. Say Listen and write the correct letters.

Play **TR: 164** again, pausing for students to write *sc*, *sl*, *sp*, or *sw* in the words. Review the answers as a class. You may want to play **TR: 164** a third time and have students repeat the words.

TR: 164 I. scarf **2.** slug **3.** swipe **4.** spinach

Extend Write sc, sk, sl, sp, st, and sw on separate index cards (three cards for each letter blend). Put the cards in a paper bag. Divide the class into two teams. Have a student take a card from the bag. Look at the letters on the student's card; for example, sp. Ask What letters do you have? (sp) What sound do they make? (/sp/) Say a word with the letters sp. (space) If the student answers correctly, he or she keeps the card. If not, put the card back into the bag. The team with the most cards when the bag is empty wins.

Wrap Up Have students look at the pictures on pp. 60–61. Ask questions about the words, such as Which word begins with /sw/ and ends with /ŋ/? (swing) Repeat, asking about other sounds and positions for words on these pages.

Lesson 5 Game and Chant

Objectives

Students will

- hear /sk/, /sl/, /sp/, /st/, and /sw/.
- associate sounds and letter blends.
- associate sounds and words.
- review unit content with a game.
- produce target sounds with a chant.

Resources

Student Book pp. 62, 76–77 Audio TR: 165–166 (Audio CD, Website)



warm Up Play a game of I Spy, using words with letter blends from Lessons I–4. Say I spy a sweater.
Students look around the classroom. If they see a sweater, they point to it and say Yes! There's a sweater. If the object is not in the classroom, students say No, there isn't (a sweater) in the room. Continue the game with the following sentences: I spy a swan. I spy a sleeping student. I spy a spoon. I spy a desk. I spy a skirt. I spy sleeves. I spy a sloth. I spy slippers.

Have students identify the pictures (across: scale, star, swan, swing; down: east, skirt, asleep, and sloth). Then point to the wordsearch puzzle and say Let's find and circle the words. Model the activity if necessary, tracing across the top to find the word swan and circling it. Have students find and circle the words alone or in pairs. Have students say the words aloud as they circle them. If students work alone, have them compare their answers in pairs. Say Now listen to check your answers. Play TR: 165. Students find and point to the words while checking to see that they've circled each one.

TR: 165 across: swan, scale, star, swing; down: asleep, east, skirt, sloth

18 Say Look at the picture. What do you see? Have students name words with the target sounds (mask, sloth, swan, swim, sweater) and without (work, vet, actor, chef, artist). Then introduce or review the remaining words with the target sounds (sleepy, scary, spaghetti, steak, artist). Ask questions about the picture, such as What color is the mask? (green, purple, and red) Who might wear a mask at work? (an actor) Point to the chef and ask What job does she have? (She's a chef.) What food is she making? (spaghetti, steak) What's the artist painting? (swans) What animals is the vet caring for? (sloths)

Say Let's listen to a chant. Play TR: 166 and have students listen to the chant. Then say Now say the chant. Play TR: 166 again, pausing after each line and having students repeat it. Then play TR: 166 a third time so that students can say the entire chant as they listen.

Extend Write the main verse of the chant as a matching activity on the board. Say *Read and think*.

Match the lines. Have students work in pairs. Then invite a pair of students to draw lines on the board to make a match. Play TR: 166 again, pausing for students to check their answers.

The vet checks the sleepy steak.
The actor wears a scary sloths.
The chef makes spaghetti and swans.
The artist paints the swimming mask.

their own verse for the chant, replacing the key words with other words that have the same target sound. For example, The vet checks the slow slugs. The actor wears a school skirt. The chef makes spinach and steak. The artist paints the swan on a swing. Have students chant their new verse to the same rhythm as the chant in Activity 18.

Have students turn to pp. 76–77 and write the Unit 8 words in the **Picture Dictionary**.

Lesson 6

Story Slavik's Sculpture

Summary The children are in art class, making art to show what they want to be. Stefan sketches some animals, and Slava makes a space station. Slavik has a special sculpture to share with the teacher, Ms. Sladek.

Objectives

Students will

- listen to and demonstrate understanding of a story.
- associate target sounds and words in context.
- use pictures to demonstrate understanding.
- track print from left to right.

Resources

Student Book pp. 63, 79 Audio TR: 167–168 (Audio CD, Website) Unit 8 Worksheet (Website)

Materials

crayons or colored pencils



warm Up Play a drawing game using words from Unit 8. Begin drawing a simple picture on the board, pausing to ask What's this? When students figure it out, complete the picture and say Yes! It's a (star). Then ask Which letter blend with s do you hear in star? (/st/) Invite a student to write the word star on the board. Repeat with pictures of other words from the unit. You can also have students draw the pictures.

Say It's time for a story! Turn to page 63. Read the story's title, and have students look at the panels. Ask What do you think the story is about? (an art class) Point to each panel, asking questions to review or introduce vocabulary: Where are the students in panel one? (at school) Explain that the children are in art class and are thinking about the jobs they want to do. Point to panel two and ask What animals are in Stefan's sketch? (a sloth, a swan, a skunk) What does Stefan want to be? (a vet) What does Slava make in panel three? (a space station) What does she want to be? (an astronaut) Who does Slavik's sculpture look like? (the teacher) What does Slavik want to be? (a sculptor)

Say Now let's listen to the story. Play TR: 167 and have students point to each panel in order. Play TR: 167 a second time. Have students follow the text as they listen. Then play TR: 168 and have students listen and repeat.

Extend Write four true or false sentences about the story on the board: The students are in school. (true) Stefan sketches slippers and a sled. (false) Slava makes a special space station. (true) Slavik wants to be a movie star. (false) Read each sentence aloud, pausing for the class to tell whether it's true or false. Then call on a student to correct the false sentences. For example, a student may say Stefan sketches a sloth, a swan, and a skunk.

Hold up the **Unit 8 Worksheet**. Point to the first word (__udents) and ask What sound is missing? (/st/) How do you write /st/? (st) Let's write the letters st. Have students complete the rest of Activity I. When they finish, have students work in pairs to do Activity 2. Students say the words and copy them into the correct column.

Read the directions aloud and have students look at the incomplete words. Have students find the first one in the story. (special) Then ask What letters are missing from special? (sp) Write sp in the word. Have students complete the activity in pairs, then review the answers as a class.

Make sure students have crayons or colored pencils. Have students turn to p. 79 and work in pairs to complete the sentence under the picture. Remind them to check p. 63 to find the correct letters. When students finish, have them read the completed sentence aloud. Then say *Now finish the picture and color it in*.

wrap Up Ask Which job would you like to have—a school teacher, a professional skier, a sculptor, an astronaut, or a movie star? Write a chart on the board with these professions as column heads. Have students check the column of the job they'd most want. Call on several volunteers to explain why they made their choice.