BR Blend Word List

Pop the lips for /b/ and let them come apart straight into the pulled-back R tongue shape. Keep the lips from rounding too much.



SOUND	TYPICAL AGE	TYPE
/br/	By age 5-7	Voiced Stop + liquid cluster

PRACTICE TIP

BR blends are only as good as the /r/ underneath them. Make sure single R is stable before drilling BR.

BR does not occur often in the middle or at the end of English words, so this page practices it at the beginning.

Initial Position (20 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


brown


bread

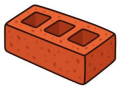

brush


break


bridge


broom


branch


brick

These and 6 more pictured words are in the BR Blend picture cards.

1 Syllable

15 words

brown	break	branch	brave	breeze
bread	bridge	bring	brick	bride
brush	broom	brain	bright	bronze

2 Syllables

4 words

brother	brownie	bracelet	breakfast

3 Syllables

1 word

broccoli

High-frequency initial words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

brother, break, broke, broken, bringing, breaking, brings, breaks

Generalization

Word lists get a sound into a child's mouth. Generalization is what gets it into their life. These are activities where the target words come up on their own, so nobody has to be talked into practicing.

Play-based ideas for young children

Breakfast play

Make pretend breakfast: bread, brown eggs, a brownie.

Words that come up: bread, breakfast, brown, brother, bring, break, brush, more, please, eat, big, hot, yum, again

Brushing station

Brush hair, brush teeth, brush a toy horse.

Words that come up: brush, brushing, brown, bring, break, bread, brother, more, again, my turn, soft, clean, done, wet

Bridge building

Build a bridge from blocks and drive cars over it.

Words that come up: bridge, break, bring, brick, broke, brown, build, over, under, again, crash, more, big, strong

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

Brain teasers

Trade riddles. "Brain," "brilliant" and "bring" appear in the framing.

Break it down

Explain something complicated in three steps.