GL Blend Word List

Back of the tongue up for /g/, release, and the tongue tip springs forward to the ridge for /l/.



SOUND	TYPICAL AGE	TYPE
/gl/	By age 5	Voiced Stop + liquid cluster

PRACTICE TIP

GL and CL are the same motion with the voice off or on - drill them together for good contrast practice.

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

Initial Position (16 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


glue


glass

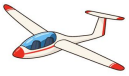

glove


gloves


glitter


glasses


glacier


glider

All in the GL Blend picture cards.

1 Syllable

11 words

glue	glad	gleam	glaze
glass	glow	glide	gloves
glove	glare	glum	

2 Syllables

5 words

glitter	glasses	glacier	glimmer	glider

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

Glue and glitter craft

Make a sticky, sparkly collage.

Words that come up: glue, glitter, glass, glove, glow, more, please, stick, again, mess, sparkle, my turn, done, on

Glove hunt

Match pairs of gloves and mittens.

Words that come up: glove, gloves, glad, glass, glow, pair, match, more, again, on, off, hands, cold, warm

Glow in the dark

Use glow sticks or glow stars in a dark room.

Words that come up: glow, glowing, glass, glad, glide, dark, light, look, again, more, bright, on, off, wow

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

Global tour

Pick a country and describe it. "Global" and "glance" appear in the framing.

Glass half full

Find the good side of a bad situation.

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