GR Blend Word List

Release the back-of-mouth /g/ directly into the bunched R. Both sounds are voiced, so the hum never stops.



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

PRACTICE TIP

GR, like CR, keeps the tongue in the back of the mouth - often the easiest place to find a first clean R blend.

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

Initial Position (23 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


green


grass


grape


gray


grill


grin


grapes


grandma

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

1 Syllable

14 words

green	grow	ground	grin	greet
grass	gray	group	growl	grapes
grape	grill	grab	grand	

2 Syllables

6 words

grandma	grumpy	grateful
grandpa	greenhouse	gravy

3 Syllables

3 words

grocery	grasshopper	groceries

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.

great, grandma, grandpa, growing, grows

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

Grape snack

Eat grapes and count them. Grab, grip, grin.

Words that come up: grape, grab, green, grin, great, more, please, eat, yum, again, big, small, all gone, my turn

Grass and garden

Play outside or with a toy garden. Grow seeds, cut grass.

Words that come up: grass, grow, green, ground, garden, grab, more, again, dig, water, big, look, dirt, plant

Grandma phone call

Pretend to call grandma and grandpa on a toy phone.

Words that come up: grandma, grandpa, great, green, grab, hello, bye, again, more, talk, love, miss, call, hi

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

Greatest of all time

Argue for the greatest anything. "Great" and "greatest" every turn.

Growing up

Compare what you were like as a little kid to now.