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LESSON 9.

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Phonogram Word Families: Build new words by blending onset consonants & blends with rimes *-et*, *-eck*, *-ess*, *-est* (Short e) and *-ash* (Short a).

**WORD
BUILDING**

1 See how many words you can form by changing only the first letter of the word **met** ; as **get**, **let**, etc.

m + et → _____

g + et → _____

l + et → _____

b + et → _____

n + et → _____

p + et → _____

s + et → _____

w + et → _____

2 Form words by adding **eck** to **n**, **d**, and **p**.

n + eck → _____

d + eck → _____

p + eck → _____

3 Form words by adding **ess** to **l**, **m**, **dr**, and **bl**.

l + ess → _____

m + ess → _____

dr + ess → _____

bl + ess → _____

4 Form words by adding **est** to **b**, **n**, **r**, **t**, **v**, **w**, and **bl**.

b + est → _____

n + est → _____

r + est → _____

t + est → _____

v + est → _____

w + est → _____

bl + est → _____

5 Form words by adding **ash** to **d**, **l**, **m**, **r**, **c**, **cr**, **cl**, **fl**, and **thr**.

d + ash → _____

l + ash → _____

m + ash → _____

r + ash → _____

c + ash → _____

cr + ash → _____

cl + ash → _____

fl + ash → _____

thr + ash → _____

LESSON 9: Word Building & Onset-Rime Manipulation — Master Key

100% Mastery

Complete Solutions, Orthographic Rules, Science of Reading & Context Sentences

Master Solutions for All 5 Word Families (31 Words Total)

Official Solution

1. -et Family (/ɛt/)

- m + et → **met**
- g + et → **get**
- l + et → **let**
- b + et → **bet**
- n + et → **net**
- p + et → **pet**
- s + et → **set**
- w + et → **wet**

2. -eck Family (/ɛk/)

- n + eck → **neck**
 - d + eck → **deck**
 - p + eck → **peck**
- Digraph -ck follows short vowel*

3. -ess Family (/ɛs/)

- l + ess → **less**
 - m + ess → **mess**
 - dr + ess → **dress**
 - bl + ess → **bless**
- FLOSS rule doubles -ss*

4. -est Family (/ɛst/)

- b + est → **best**
- n + est → **nest**
- r + est → **rest**
- t + est → **test**
- v + est → **vest**
- w + est → **west**
- bl + est → **blest**

5. -ash Family (/æʃ/)

- d + ash → **dash**
- l + ash → **lash**
- m + ash → **mash**
- r + ash → **rash**
- c + ash → **cash**
- cr + ash → **crash**
- cl + ash → **clash**
- fl + ash → **flash**
- thr + ash → **thrash**

SCIENCE OF READING: ORTHOGRAPHIC MAPPING & ONSET-RIME ARCHITECTURE

• **Onset-Rime Segmentation:** Readers decode by breaking monosyllabic words into the initial onset (consonant or cluster before the vowel) and the rime (vowel + coda). Phonogram rimes remain constant (/ɛt/, /ɛk/, /ɛs/, /ɛst/, /æʃ/), allowing rapid analogy decoding (Goswami's Rime Theory).

• **Spelling Conventions (Orthographic Rules):**

- **-ck Rule:** The /k/ sound immediately following a single short vowel in a 1-syllable word is always spelled with **-ck** (*neck, deck, peck*).
- **FLOSS Rule:** 1-syllable words with a short vowel ending in /s/ double the final letter **-ss** (*less, mess, dress, bless*).
- **Archaic 'blest':** Historical spelling for *blessed*, preserved in 19th-century literature and poetry.

CLASSROOM DICTATION & VOCABULARY CONTEXT GUIDE

- **peck:** The hen took a quick *peck* at the grain.
- **deck:** The captain walked on the ship's *deck*.
- **bless:** *Bless* the little children in our school.
- **blest:** "How *blest* are they who love the truth." (poetic)
- **clash:** The colors of the ribbons did not *clash*.
- **thrash:** The farmer will *thrash* the wheat from the chaff.
- **rash:** Think carefully before making a *rash* decision.
- **dash:** We made a quick *dash* through the rain.

Instructional Steps & Scoring Rubric

Scoring Guide (25 pts)

Task Focus	Instructional Standard	Scoring Points
1. -et Family	Accurate onset substitution (<i>met, get, let, bet, net, pet, set, wet</i>).	5 pts (0.6 pt/word).
2. -eck Family	Correct application of -ck spelling (<i>neck, deck, peck</i>).	3 pts (1 pt/word).
3. -ess Family	Correct application of FLOSS rule -ss (<i>less, mess, dress, bless</i>).	4 pts (1 pt/word).
4. -est Family	Accurate blending of onset + -est (<i>best, nest, rest, test, vest, west, blest</i>).	6 pts (1 pt/word).
5. -ash Family	Accurate blending with blends <i>cr, cl, fl, thr</i> (<i>dash, lash, mash, rash, cash, crash, clash, flash, thrash</i>).	7 pts (0.8 pt/word).