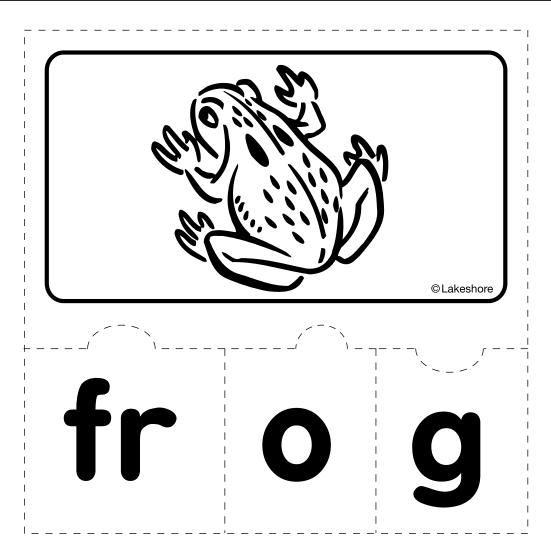
## **Beginning Blends Phonics Puzzles**

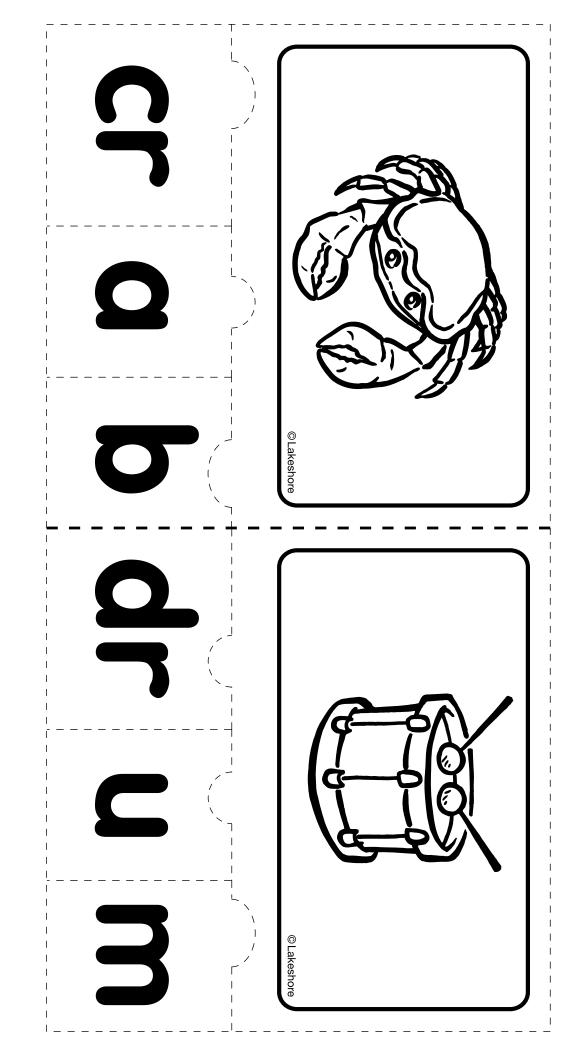
## Boost students' reading skills with these hands-on puzzles! Here are three creative ways to use the puzzles in your classroom:

**Center Time Activity** – Color the puzzles and cut apart the pieces. To make the pieces more durable, you can laminate them or mount them on posterboard. Then put the pieces in a resealable bag and place the bag in a learning center. During center time, invite students to put the puzzles together!

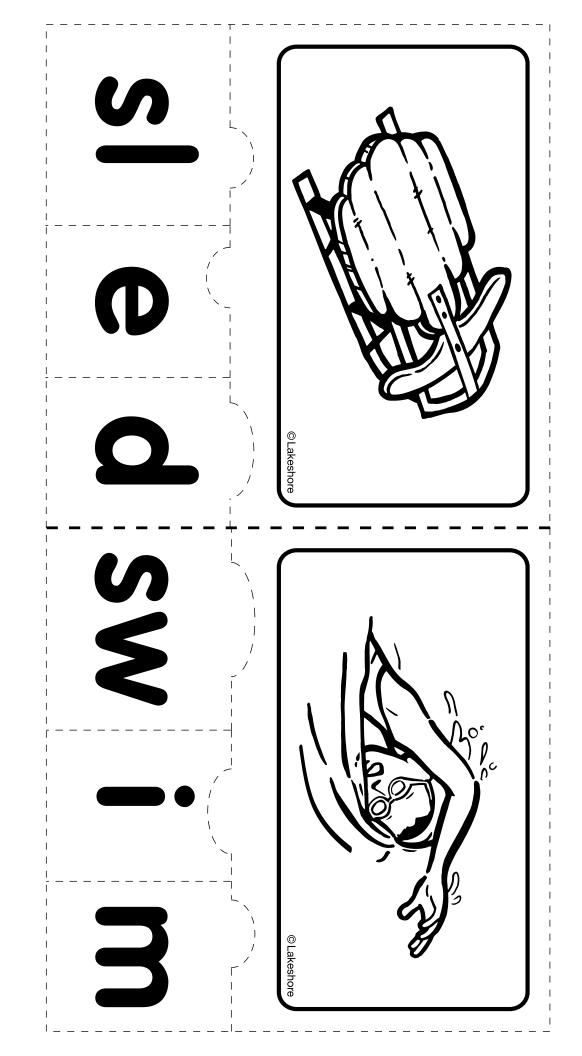
**Partner Puzzles** – Reproduce enough puzzles for each student to have one. Encourage students to cut apart their puzzles, mix up the pieces and trade pieces with a partner. Then challenge students to put the puzzles back together! Have children mount their completed puzzles on construction paper and invite them to color the picture.

**Small Group Activity** – Print and cut apart the puzzles. Then divide your class into five groups and give a puzzle to each group. Have students put the pieces together and mount them to the top of a large posterboard. Invite students to think of as many words as they can that begin with their blend. Prompt them to list the words on the posterboard below the puzzle. (Have younger students dictate the words to you or have them draw pictures to represent their words.)





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