



LESSON MODELS VIDEOCASSETTE
Use the *Lesson Models Videocassette*
to preview the lesson "Blending."



Alphabetic Principle

Blending

Introduction

Quickly and easily identifying the sounds represented by letters and using that information to decode written words is fundamental to learning to read. This has been the ultimate goal of all the Sounds and Letters activities that the students have completed so far.

In this lesson, the students take another important step toward independent reading. They will begin to engage in *blending*. Unlike *oral blending*, which focuses on hearing and producing sounds, this new kind of blending starts with written letters and allows the students to use their phonemic knowledge to link the letters with their sounds and blend words.