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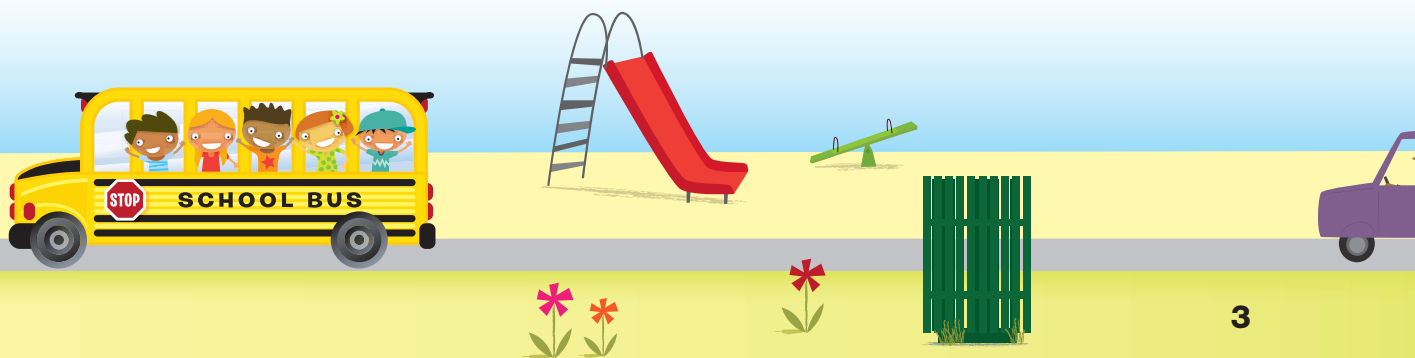
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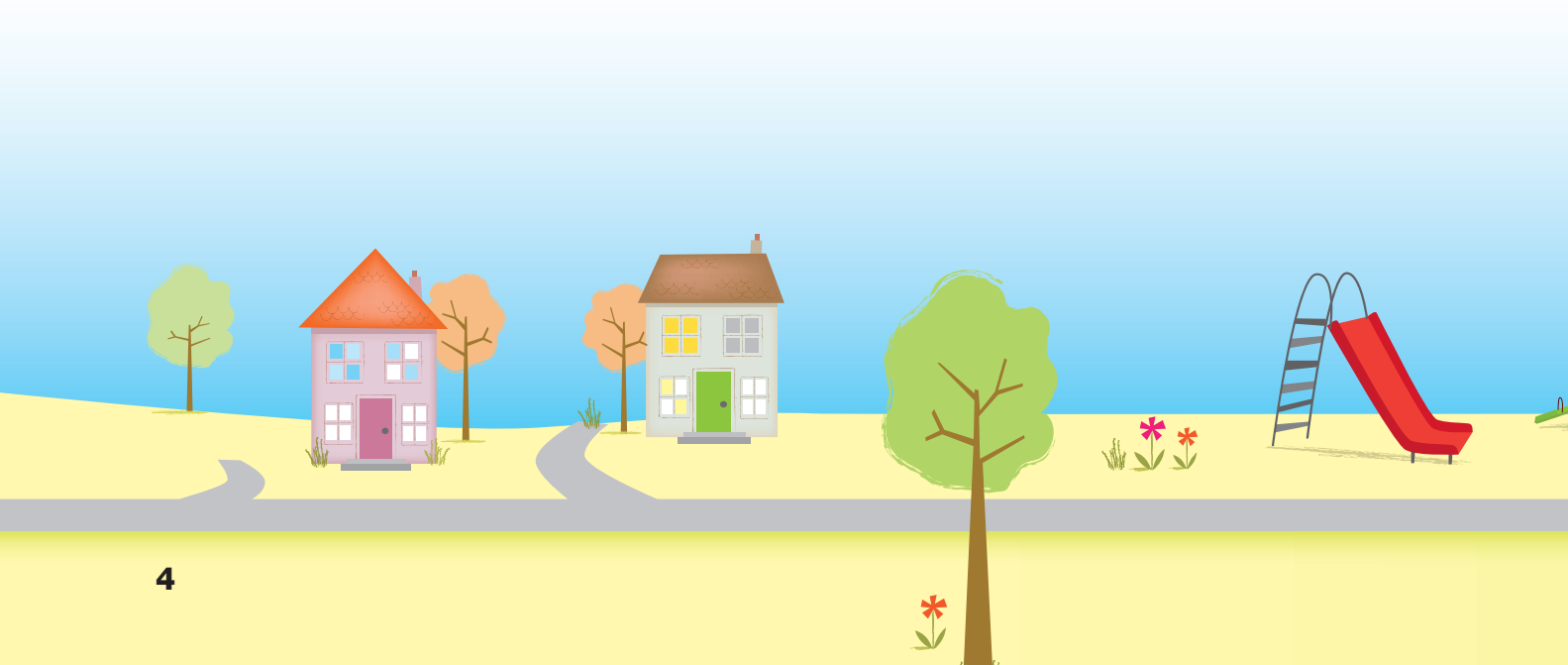
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Consonant Blends

A **consonant blend** is two or three consonant letters together in a word.



skunk



desk

Say the name of the picture. Circle the letters that stand for the beginning sounds.

1.



bl

br

gr

2.



gl

spr

tr

3.



cl

fl

sm

4.



cr

pl

st

Say the name of each picture. Write a consonant blend to complete the word.

5.



ab

6.



ed

7.



ag

8.



um

9.



ne

10.



te

country
president
state

Listen to a Text

Think about what you learn as you listen.

Our First President

Look at a dollar bill. Look at a quarter. Who is the man you see? It is George Washington.

A long time ago, Americans fought a war to win their freedom. They formed a new **country** called the United States of America. The people needed a leader for the new country. They chose George Washington to be their first **president**. Washington helped make the laws for the new country.

People remember Washington for what he did. They remember his birthday on President's Day. They build statues for him and name places after him. Our capital, Washington, D.C., and the **state** of Washington are named after him. Your town may have a building, school, or street named after him, too!

bills



quarters



George Washington's face is on the dollar bill and the quarter.

Reading Check

Complete the items about “Our First President.”

1. Put a ✓ by the words that tell what the text is mostly about.
 how people choose a president
 how people make a new country
 how people remember Washington
2. Go back to the text. Circle the sentence that tells why people remember George Washington.
3. Go back to the text. Draw a line under details that tell how we remember George Washington.
4. Draw a picture to show something that helps you remember George Washington. Then write about your picture.



Word Check

WORD BANK

country
president
state

A **common noun** names a person, place or thing. A **proper noun** is a name. It begins with a capital letter.

The boy is named Ben.

Draw a line to match the common noun to a proper noun.

Common Noun

1. president
2. country
3. state

Proper Noun

- United States
Washington
George Washington

Write a word for each meaning.

4. one part of a country

5. a person who leads a country

6. a land with its own people and laws

Write a word to complete each sentence.

7. The name of my **state** is _____.

8. A **country** I know is _____.

9. Today our **president** is _____.

Choose a word from the Word Bank.

10. Use the word to write a sentence.
