

VO CAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With *BL-* or *BR-* Blends

Name _____

Date _____

“The limits of my language are the limits of my mind.
All I know is what I have words for.”

—Ludwig Wittgenstein, Viennese philosopher, 1889–1951

Blending consonants allowed the creation of many English words, so the exercises below focus on blends. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that one word fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	blanched bracken	blazon braggadocio	bludgeon brazier	blunderbuss brindled	broach
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1. Even Marcella’s friends, the few she had left, were sick of her _____, especially when other people were better at something than she was.
2. Owning a _____ allows people to build a fire wherever they want to: on a patio, near a swimming pool, or in a garden.
3. Dilip and his friends had to bushwhack their way through the _____ and undergrowth to reach their favorite swimming hole.
4. As the wind rose and the sea grew rougher, the skipper had difficulty staying on course, and the small boat threatened to _____.
5. The _____ gnu, or blue wildebeest, lives primarily on open or brushy savanna in southern Africa.
6. My grandmother always _____ peaches to make them easier to peel, but she warned us not to leave them in the boiling water for more than a few seconds.
7. After Sofia’s dad finished researching his family history, he hired a metalworker to re-create the family _____.
8. Bobby was such a klutz that his classmates started calling him “Bobby _____.”
9. Malia’s debate strategy was to _____ her opponents with words until they were so confused that they couldn’t formulate sensible responses.
10. The students who hadn’t read the chapter _____ when their teacher announced a pop quiz.