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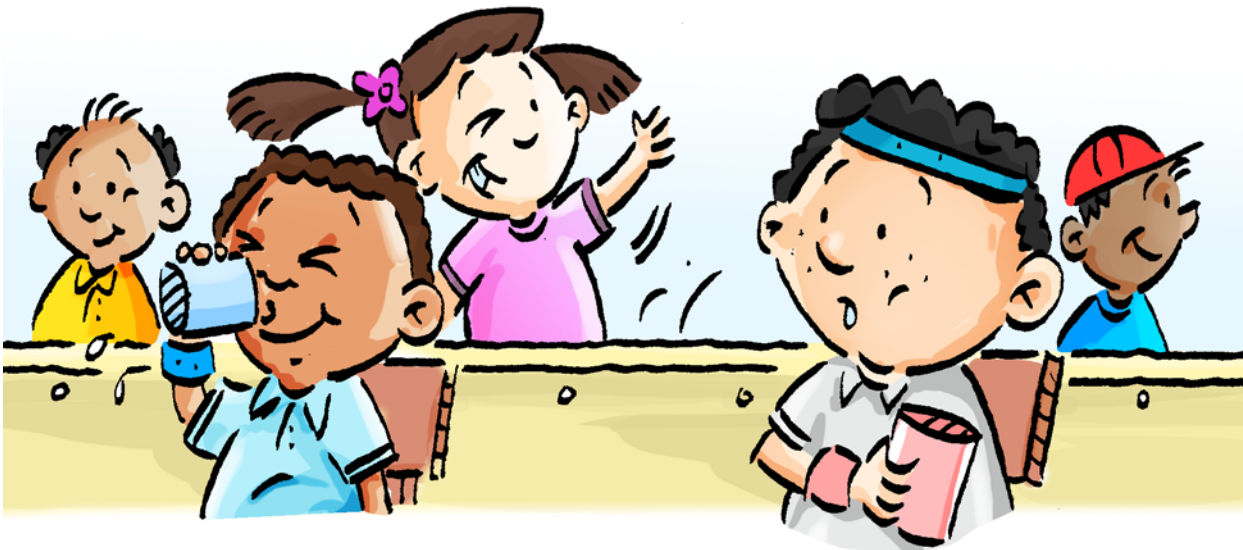


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## ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

**New phonic element** final consonant n-blends: nd, nk, nt

**Words with new phonic element** drink, Frank, grand, Grant, grunt, land,

pink, sand, send, sent, slant, stands, think,

went

**Reviewed phonic elements** short vowels: consonants

**Story words** back, ball, tennis, won

**New high-frequency word** why

**Special considerations** inflectional endings -ed, -er, -ing;

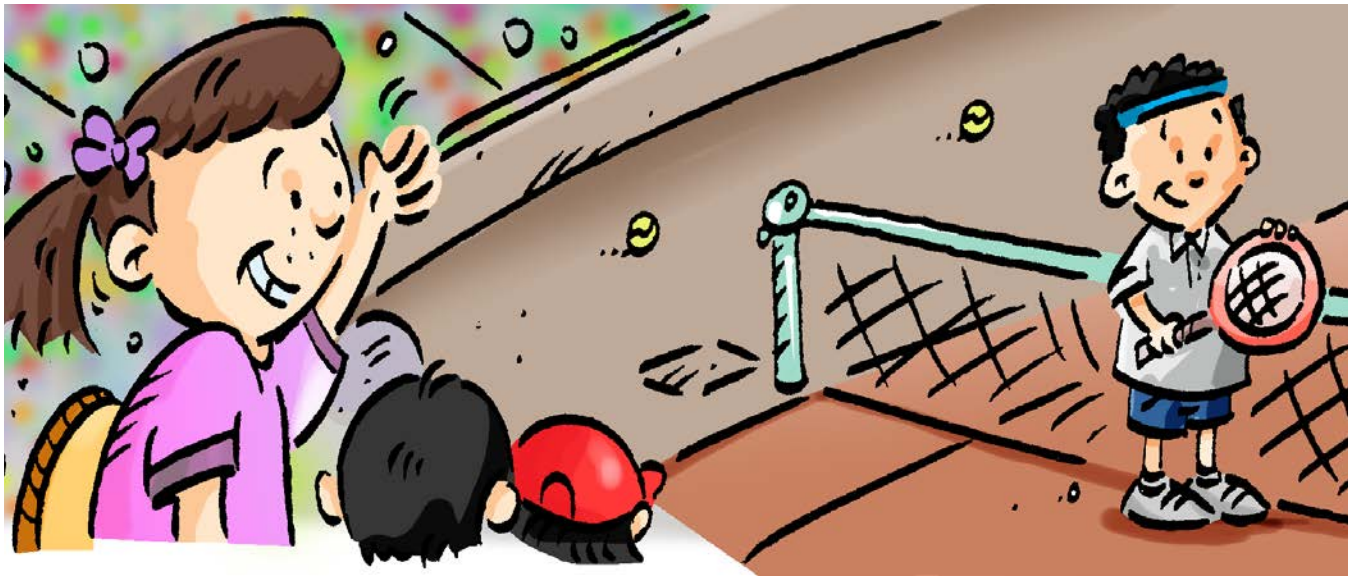
plural ending -s



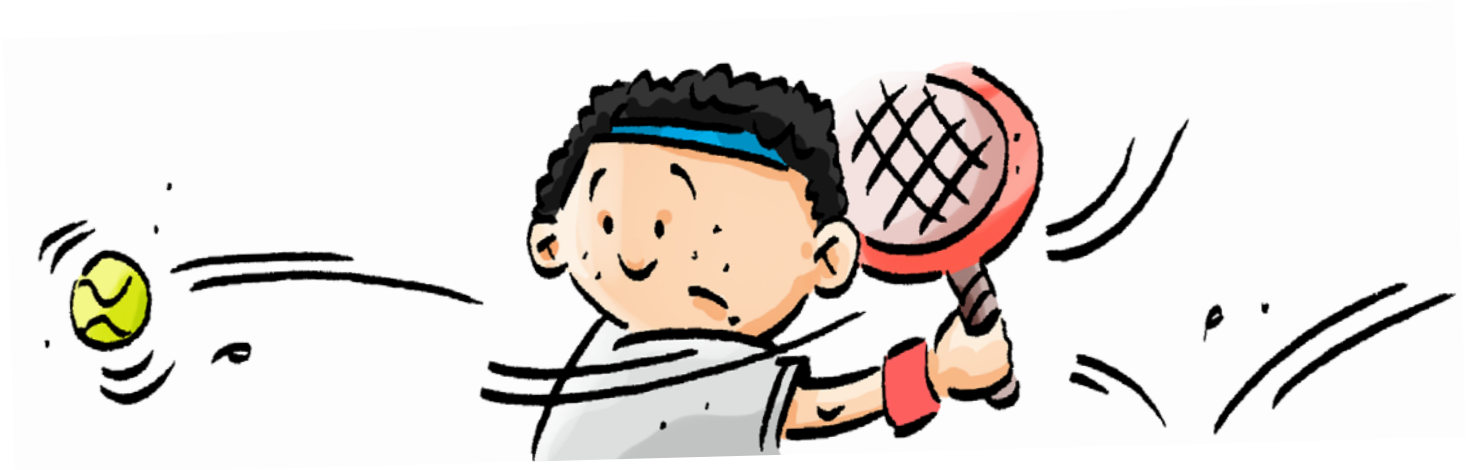
Grant and Frank both play tennis.  
They are the best in the land.



They went to the big tennis Grand  
Slam. Frank had to play Grant to win.  
Fans came to see the game.



Fran was in the stands in a pink top.  
Fran wanted Frank to win.



Grant sent the ball over the  
net. Grunt!  
But Frank did not hit the ball.



Then Grant hit a ball just over the net.  
Frank ran to hit it.  
But the ball landed in the sand.



Grant had to think.  
*Frank is not bad at this.*  
*It is not like him to miss.*  
*Why can Frank not hit the ball?*



The pals got a drink.

Grant said, "Why, you hit the ball in the sand!"

Frank said, "I think I twisted my wrist."



Frank rested his wrist a bit.

Then he played well!

Frank sent the balls over the net.

But Grant did not send them back!



Frank hit the last ball at a slant.  
Grant did not get to the ball in time.



Frank won one game.  
Grant won one game.  
They both won the Grand Slam!