

Decode And Color Answer Key

Highlighted Passage:

- **Short vowels (yellow):** sand, crab, grab, clam, thin, man, hat, step, log, frog, big, ship, red
- **Digraphs (green):** ship, thin
- **Blends (blue):** crab, grab, clam, step, frog

Practice Questions:

1. ship
2. sand, crab (others possible: grab, clam, man, hat)
3. gr
4. frog

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** This activity strengthens students' ability to **see sound patterns in print** while supporting fluency through rereading with awareness of phonics features.
- **Implementation:**
 - Provide students with three highlighters or crayons (yellow, green, blue).
 - Read the passage aloud first, then guide students in marking patterns.
 - Have them reread after marking for fluency practice.
- **Fluency Tip:** Encourage students to read highlighted sections with extra emphasis to reinforce sound awareness.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For struggling readers: Focus only on one category at a time (e.g., highlight just short vowels).
 - For advanced readers: Add extra text with more complex digraphs/blends (e.g., "flash," "train," "chop").
- **Assessment:** Check students' highlighting for accuracy, listen for smooth rereading, and confirm correct answers to practice questions.