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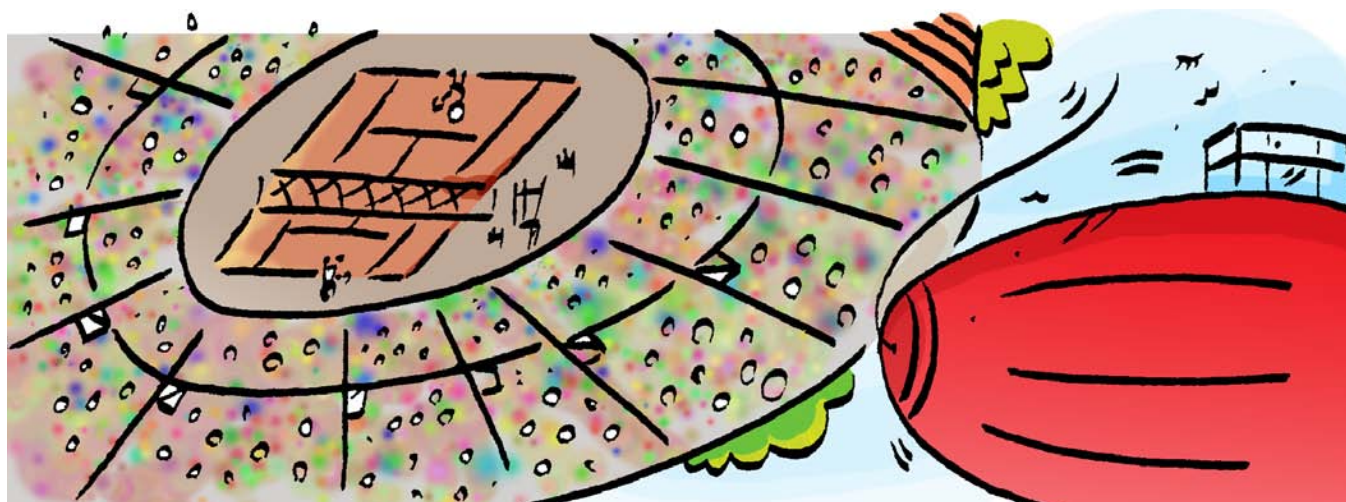
## ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

**New phonic elements** final n-family blends  
**Words with new phonic element** blink, drink, Frank, front, fund, grand, Grant, grunt, hunk, junk, land, pink, plant, sand, sent, skunk, slant, stink  
**Reviewed phonic elements** s-, l-, and r- family blends: short vowels: consonants  
**Story words** second, split, tennis  
**Reviewed story words** back, ball, won  
**New high-frequency words** came, think, why  
**Special considerations** inflectional endings –ed, er, ing, s: plural ending –s

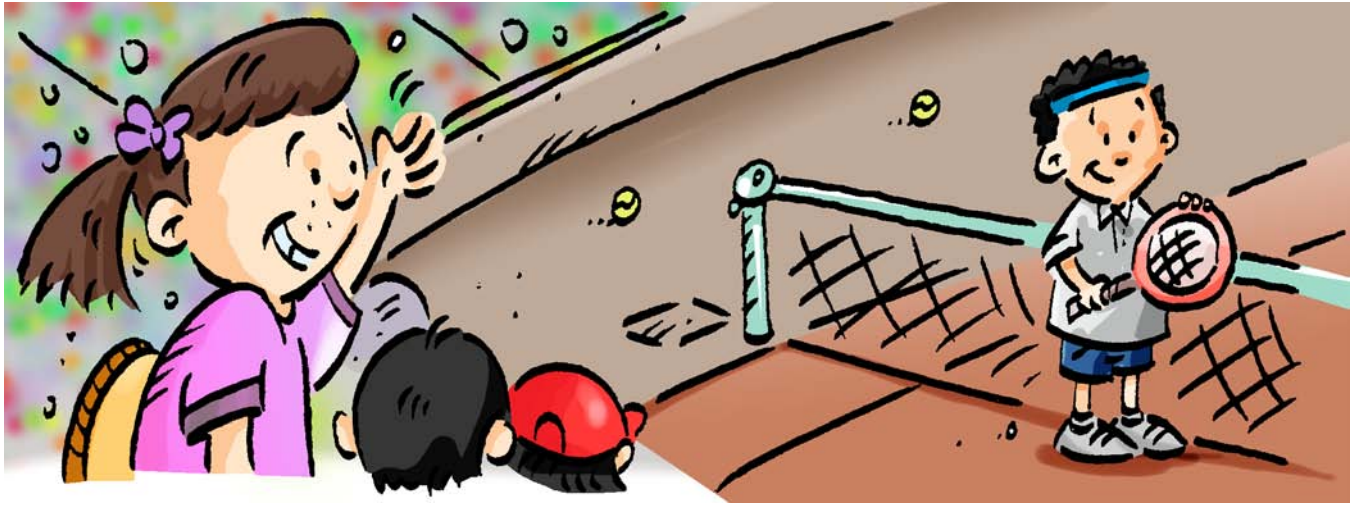


Grant and Frank were grand tennis players.  
They were the best in the land.

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







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

With a grunt, Grant sent the ball over the net.  
 Frank missed the ball.  
 Grant blinked.





Then Grant sent the second ball over the net.  
Frank ran to the net.  
The ball landed in the sand.

Grant had to think.  
Frank does not stink at tennis.  
Why was Frank playing  
like a hunk of junk?





The pals stopped for a drink.

“I stink like a skunk,” said Frank.

“Let me be blunt,” said Grant.

“You do not stink.

I think you are the best.”

In the second set, Frank played well.  
Grant planted a big hit.  
But Frank sent the ball, back with a spin.  
Grant missed.







Frank sent the last ball at a slant.

The slant had too much spin for Grant.  
He missed the ball.

Frank won one set, and Grant one set.  
The pals stopped to think.  
“Let’s end it.  
We will split the fund,” said Grant.  
The fans in the stands clapped their hands.

