DOG ON A LOG™ Quick Assessment Tool

To help you figure out what Step of DOG ON A LOG Books might be the best starting point for your learner, have them read the following lists of words. Start with Step 1. If they get all of the words correct, go on to Step 2. Continue until they reach a Step where they miss one or more words. That is the Step you should probably start with. If they struggle with this Step, you can always move back a Step.

Or you may want to start with a Step where your learner is able to read the complete set of words. Let them practice and build confidence.

Regarding skipping steps:
The DOG ON A LOG Books are systematic and sequential. That means the steps build upon each other. Skipping a Step that your learner has not mastered could be problematic as they will struggle when they encounter those words in future steps.

An example of when it might work to skip a Step would be if they had already mastered one step, but not a prior one. For example, let's say they have mastered Steps 1 and 2 as well as consonant blends (Step 4,) but not letter buddies with ng or nk (Step 3.) In that example, you would have them read and master Step 3 then consider skipping Step 4.

Included:
Optional page for your records where you can mark which words the student read correctly.

Word list in columns

Word list in rows

Step 1
___fin
___mash
___sock
___sub
___cat
___that
___Dan's

Step 2
___less
___bats
___tell
___mall
___chips
___whiff
___falls

Step 3
___bangs
___dank
___honk
___pings
___chunk
___sink
___gong
___rungs

Step 4
___silk
___fluff
___smash
___krill
___drop
___slim
___whisk

Step 5
___hunch
___crate
___rake
___tote
___inch
___mote
___lime

Step 6
___child
___molts
___fold
___hind
___jolt
___post
___colds

_____
NAME

_____
DATE

Step 7
___strive
___scrape
___splint
___twists
___crunch
___prints
___blend

Step 8
___finish
___denim
___within
___bathtub
___sunset
___medic
___habit

Step 9
___hundred
___goldfinch
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___inhale
___play
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Step 10
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silk, fluff, smash, krill, drop, slim, whisk

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