Teacher Script for Single Syllable Blending

Procedure	Say:	
Step 1: Show students the DSD targeted phonics element(s) of the day (on board or on a card) and tell students the sound.	Today we will learn about the sound of (igh) (igh) usually makes the ("i") sound. What letters? (Students respond.) What sound? (Students respond.) [Repeat for 2 nd element if applicable.]	igh
Step 2: Model the reading of the first two words while thinking aloud. (Vowel Patterns Instructional Routine) Point to the underlined phonics	Here are the letters (igh).	light
element and make the sound.	(igh) usually makes the ("i") sound.	1 <u>1811</u> € ↑
 Blend the sounds of the word from left to right as you point to each sound unit. (Point with 2 or 3 fingers if 2 or 3 letters work together to make the sound, like th, ay, or igh.) 	Now I will look at each letter starting with the one on the left. I think to myself, this is the letter (L). I know that (L) makes the (/1/) sound. So I say (/1/). Now I will look at the next letter. I think to myself (Continue in the same way	l <u>igh</u> t >
	for each letter until you get to the end of the word.) I will blend the sounds in this word from left to right. (I-igh-t)	l <u>igh</u> t
 Quickly slide your finger under the entire word as you read it. 	I can read this word. (light) (Repeat with second word.)	<u>ligh</u> t →
Step 3:		
Guide the word reading in the same way you did the models. (Do this for each word.)	Now let's read some words together. (Begin with first word again.)	
	(Point to the phonics element.) <i>Sound?</i> (Students respond.)	l <u>igh</u> t ↑
You may need to blend again more quickly before students can read the word. (By 2 nd term this step should involve silent	(Point to the left of word.) <i>Blend.</i> (Point to each sound unit as students make each sound.)	l <u>igh</u> t >
blending for a few of the words, but not all. You say, "Silent blending" instead of "Blend." You still point to each sound unit while students blend silently.)	(Point to left of word again.) Word? (Students read word at regular speed while you quickly slide your finger under the word from left to right.)	<u>ligh</u> t

Step 4: Guide the sentence reading. If the word is known, just point to the left of it and say, "Word?" (Students respond as you slide your finger under it.)	Now let's read some sentences.	The
If the word has the targeted phonics element(s) of the day, stop and blend the word together like in Step 3 (silent blending, when possible). Be sure to reread the whole sentence at a normal rate with appropriate phrasing and expression before moving on. (Do 2 nd sentence in the same way.)	Let's read the sentence again and make it sound like we are talking.	light -──→ is on.
Step 5: Quickly spot check for understanding with some individual students. Choose a word and repeat Step 3 with silent blending except instead of saying "Word?" say a student's name and that student reads the word. (Give support as needed.) Repeat with several different students. (Select students who will give you a good indication of how the class is learning the concept. Do not just pick your best readers.)	Silent blending. (All students are involved in the silent blending.) (Daniel) (Named student reads the word.)	high night might fight right sight light bright lights trip fit slight You like the bright lights at night. It is not right to fight.
Step 6: Review the key learning.	Today we learned that (igh) usually makes the ("i") sound. What letters? (Students respond.) What sound? (Students respond.) [Repeat for 2 nd element if applicable.]	igh

Reading of decodable text, which features the <u>same</u> phonics element(s), is strongly recommended.

This routine implements the long term memory research, the Law of 10-20, for distributed practice, so each phonics element is featured at least 7 times during a semester.