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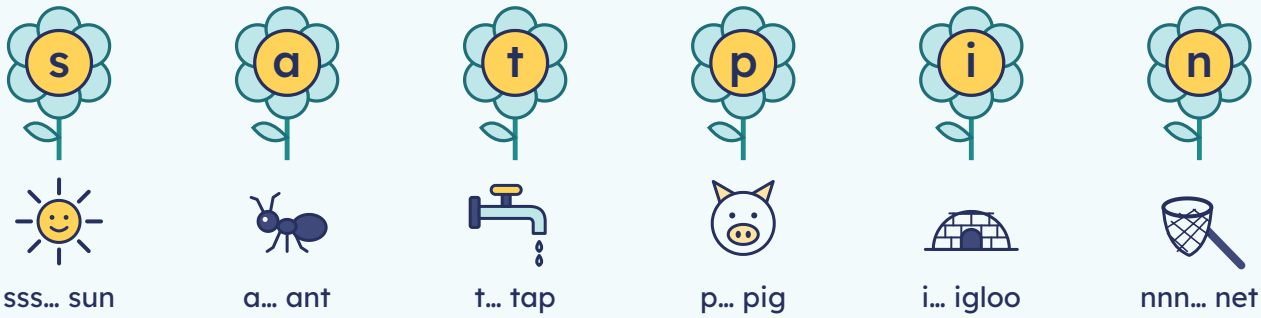
Letter sounds

Every letter makes a sound. We use the sound to read.

1 Learn



Every letter has a **name** and a **sound**. The letter **s** is called **ess**, but its sound is **sss**, like a hissing snake. When we read, we use the **sound**!



1. Look at the letter. → 2. Say its sound, short and quick: **t**, not *tee*. → 3. Say a word that starts with it: **t… tap**!

Flip's tip: keep each sound pure. Say **p**, not *puh*. Stretchy sounds like **sss** and **nnn** can go on and on.

Warm up: trace each letter. Say its sound as you go.



Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud. Point to each flower and say its sound together, then the word: "sss… sun". Use sounds, not names: a as in *ant*, i as in *igloo*.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Sound hunt

You need: six small scraps of paper, a pen, and things around your home.

1. The grown-up writes **s, a, t, p, i** and **n** on the scraps, one letter on each.
2. Hide them around the room. Find one, then say its **sound** (not its name).
3. Hunt for something at home that starts with that sound: a **s**ock, a **t**eddy, a **p**an.
4. Put the thing next to its letter. Draw it in the table. Then find the next letter!

Letter	I said its sound	Something that starts with it (draw it)
s	☐	
a	☐	
t	☐	
p	☐	
i	☐	
n	☐	

Grown-ups: **a** and **i** are harder: an apple, an insect toy or an ink pen all work. If your child picks a word that ends with the sound, say it slowly together and listen to the start.

3 Practise

A. Listen to the sound. Draw a ring round its letter.

Grown-up says **sss**, as in sun

n s t

Grown-up says **nnn**, as in net

m h n

Grown-up says **p**, as in pig

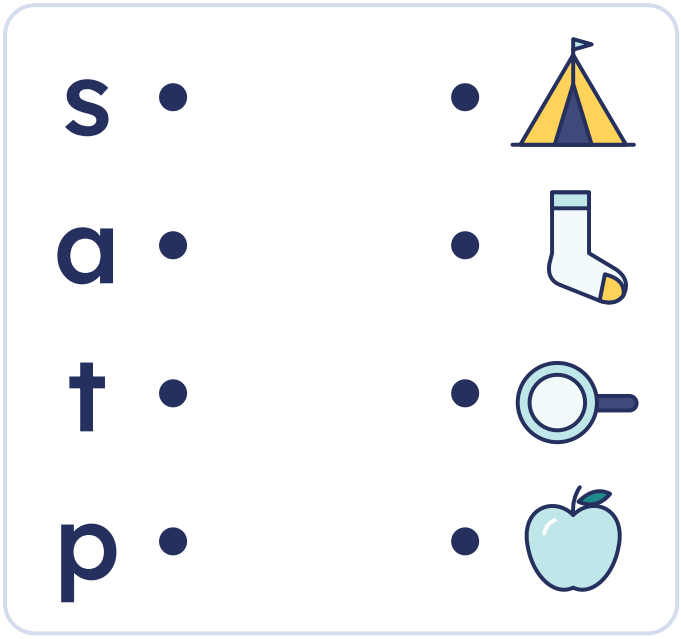
b d p

Grown-up says **i**, as in igloo

l i t

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B. Say the letter's sound. Draw a line to a picture that starts with it.



C. Say the sound. Can you stretch it like a snake, or is it short like a bouncing ball? Ring one.

s	stretchy	bouncy
t	stretchy	bouncy
n	stretchy	bouncy
p	stretchy	bouncy

D. Listen to the sound. Write its letter. Grown-up: say the first sound of **tap**, then **sun**, **net**, **igloo**.

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Challenge

S Mia points to this letter and says, "This says **ess**!" Is that its **name** or its **sound**? What sound does it make when we read?

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I can... Tick when you can.

- [ ] say the sound for s, a, t, p, i and n
- [ ] find the letter when I hear its sound
- [ ] tell a letter's name from its sound