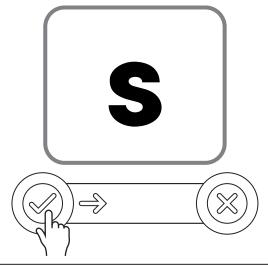
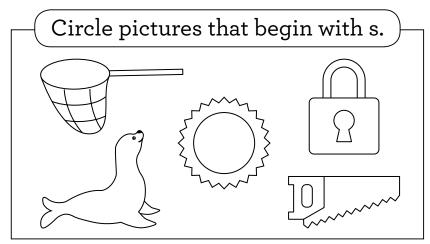


Your child is practicing letter sounds and learning how individual sounds can be built into syllables and, eventually, whole words, phrases, and sentences. This is a process that develops step-by-step. Begin by telling your child the day's letter and the sound it makes. Explain that your child's job is to make the sound for as long as your finger is sliding. Slide your finger under the letter for a second or two. Then try it again.

DAY **1**  Put your finger on the check mark. Say, "Get ready." When your child is ready, slide your finger under the letter. Your child should hold out the sssss sound until you reach the X. Try again. This time move faster or slower. Then do the day's activity.

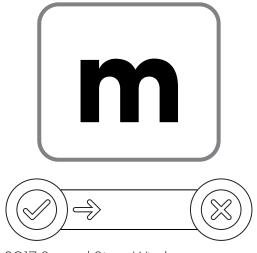


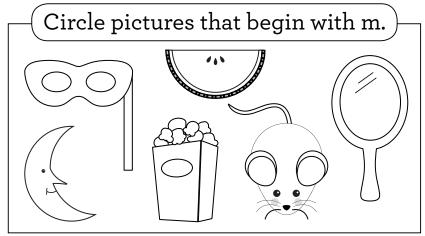


PICTURE KEY: net, sun, lock, seal, saw

**2** 

Put your finger on the check mark. Say, "Get ready." When your child is ready, slide your finger under the letter. Your child should hold out the *mmmmm* sound until you reach the X. Repeat and vary the length of time. Then do the day's activity.





PICTURE KEY: mask, watermelon, moon, popcorn, mouse, mirror

DAY

3

Have your child take a breath then run his or her finger from left to right under the letters while smoothly making the sound. The repeated letters mean to hold out the continuous sound not a choppy repetition of the sound (sssssssss not s-s-s-s-s-s).

### mmmmm

Circle the first letter if the sound comes at the beginning of the word. Circle the last letter if you hear it at the end of the word.

SSSSSSSS



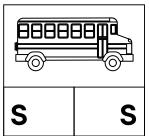
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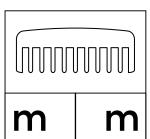


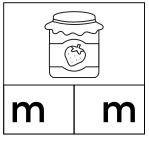
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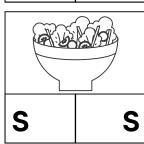


PICTURE KEY: bus, comb, jam, salad









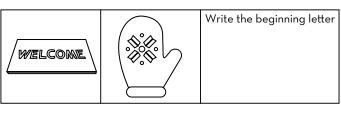
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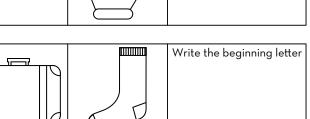
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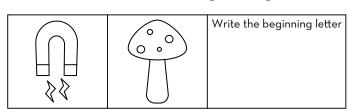
Ask your child to place a finger on the dot under each letter as the <u>letter sound</u> is said. The sound should be said normally without holding it out. Make sure your child is always going from left to right. Then finish the task for the day.

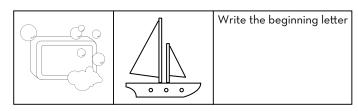
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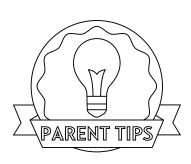
Pictures in each group begin with the same sound. Write the beginning letter.







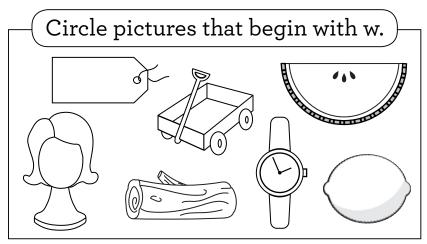




It is tricky to talk about the sound of w! It's so easy to fall into the habit of thinking that w says "wuh." But that creates a problem when it's time for kids to start blending sounds. We want our readers to be able to sound out w-i-n as win and not wuh-in. That uh adds a whole extra syllable! When you're working with your child, try to keep the w sound as a crisp /w/ and keep that sneaky uh from creeping in!

DAY **1**  Say, "Get ready." When your child is ready, tap the check mark below the w. Your child should make the w sound every time you tap the check mark. The w sound shouldn't be stretched out. Then do the day's activity.

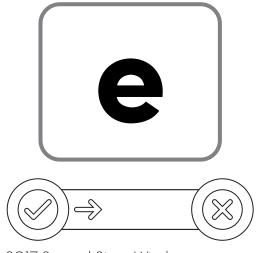


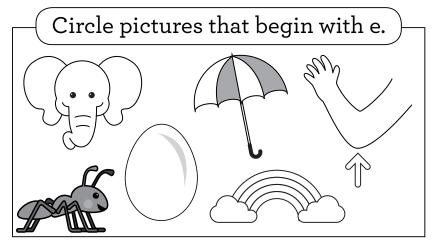


PICTURE KEY: tag, wagon, watermelon, wig, log, watch lemon

DAY **2** 

Put your finger on the check mark. Say, "Get ready." When your child is ready, slide your finger under the letter. Your child should hold out the short eeeeee sound until you reach the X. Try again. Move faster or slower. Then do the day's activity.





PICTURE KEY: elephant, umbrella, elbow, ant, egg, rainbow

DAY

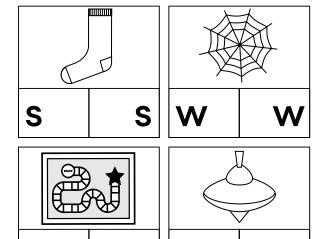
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Have your child take a breath then run his or her finger under the letters while smoothly blending the sounds. There should be no pause when it changes to the new sound. The goal is continuous blending (maaaan not mmm---aaaa---n).

## aaaaan

Circle the first letter if the sound comes at the beginning of the word. Circle the last letter if you hear it at the end of the word.

### maaaaan faaaaaan raaaaaa



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m



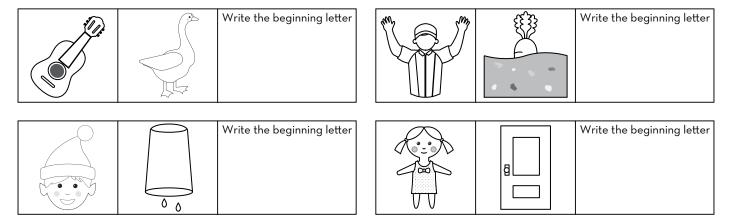
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PICTURE KEY: sock, web, game, top

Ask your child to place a finger on the dot under each letter as the <u>letter sound</u> is said. The sound should be said normally without holding it out. Make sure your child is always going from left to right. Then finish the task for the day.

# eglwiuteh

Pictures in each group begin with the same sound. Write the beginning letter.





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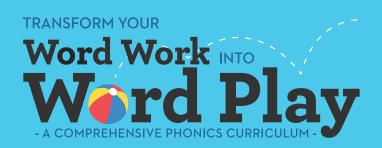




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