



# Parent's Guide Resources

# Traditional Alphabet Names Verses



My name is Annie Apple, but some people say  
it's often quite handy to call me 'ay.'



My name is Bouncy Ben, as you can see,  
but lots of people like to call me 'bee'!



My name is Clever Cat. I know that's me,  
but quite often people call me 'cee'!



My name is Dippy Duck, but I have to agree,  
there are lots of people who call me 'dee.'



My name is Eddy Elephant, but someone told me  
that lots of people like to call me 'eee.'



My name is Firefighter Fred, not Henry or Jeff,  
but there are lots of people who call me 'eff'.



My name is Golden Girl, but goodness me,  
I know many people who call me 'gee'!



My name is Harry Hat Man, but I've heard it said  
that some people call me 'aitch' instead.



My name is Impy Ink so I'm not sure why,  
but sometimes people call me 'eye.'



My name is Jumping Jim, but I think it's OK  
if people prefer just to call me 'jay.'



My name is Kicking King, but I've heard people say  
they quite often choose to call me 'kay.'



My name is Lucy Lamp Light, but I know full well  
that lots of people just call me 'ell.'



My name is Munching Mike, but if you ask them,  
lots of people will say that they call me 'em.'

a

b

c

d

e

f

g

h

i

j

k

l

m



My name is Noisy Nick, but now and then  
I bump into people who call me 'en.'

n



My name is Oscar Orange, but I happen to know  
there are lots of people who like to call me 'oh.'

o



My name is Peter Puppy so I cannot really see  
why anyone wants to call me 'pea'!

p



My name is Quarrelsome Queen, but I know people do  
quite often decide to call me 'cue'!

q



My name is Red Robot, but before you go far  
you are bound to meet people who call me 'are.'

r



My name is Sammy Snake, but I have to say, "Yes,  
there are lots of people who call me 'ess.'"

s



My name is Talking Tess, as you can see,  
but sometimes people call me 'tee.'

t



My name is Uppy Umbrella, but I know it's true,  
there are lots of people who call me 'you.'

u



My name is Vicky Violet, a sweet name for me,  
but some people like to call me 'vee.'

v



My name is Walter Walrus, but some people do  
seem to like to call me 'double-you'!

w



My name is Fix-it Max, but what you'll learn next  
is that plenty of people just call me 'ex.'

x



My name is Yellow Yo-yo Man, yet hard as I try  
I can't think why people call me 'why'!

y



My name is Zig Zag Zebra, but it's OK by me  
if you decide to call me either 'zed' or 'zee'.

z

**We're your Letterland friends, but once you know our letter sounds,  
then feel free to also start using our letter names: 'ay', 'bee', 'cee'!**

# Who's Who in Letterland



Annie Apple makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'ā...' (as in apple).



Bouncy Ben makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'b...'. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Clever Cat makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'c...' (as in cat). Just whisper it.



Dippy Duck makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'd...'. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Eddy Elephant makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'ē...' (as in elephant).



Firefighter Fred makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'fff...'. Just whisper it.



Golden Girl makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'g...'. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Harry Hat Man makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Just whisper it – 'hhh...'. Just whisper it.



Impy Ink makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'i...' (as in ink).



Mr A, the Apron Man, says his name 'A' as in apron.



Mr E, the Easy Magic Man, says his name 'E' as in easy.



Mr I, the Ice Cream Man, says his name 'I' as in ice cream.



Mr O, the Old Man from over the Ocean, says his name 'O' as in old.



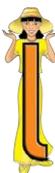
Mr U, the Uniform Man, says his name 'U' as in uniform.



Jumping Jim makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'j...'. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Kicking King makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'k...'. Just whisper it.



Lucy Lamp Light makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'lll...'. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Munching Mike makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Keep your mouth closed and hum 'mmm...' to avoid adding "uh".



Noisy Nick makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Keep your mouth nearly closed and lips open – 'nnn...' to avoid adding "uh".



Oscar Orange makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'o...' (as in orange).



Peter Puppy makes the sound at the beginning of his name – 'p...'. Just whisper it.



Quarrelsome Queen makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'qu...'. Whisper "kw".



Red Robot makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Keep your mouth nearly closed and prolong his sound – 'rrr...'. Just whisper it.



Sammy Snake makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Just whisper 'sss...'. Just whisper it.



Talking Tess makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 't...'. Just whisper it.



Uppy Umbrella makes the sound at the beginning of her name – 'ū...' (as in umbrella). For once "uh" is right!



Vicky Violet makes the sound at the beginning of her name. Keep your mouth nearly closed to avoid adding "uh".



Walter Walrus makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Get ready to whistle but blow instead – 'www...' Try not to add "uh".



Fix-it Max makes the last sound in his name. He makes the sound 'ks...' in words. Just whisper it.



Yellow Yo-yo Man makes the sound at the beginning of his name. Keep your mouth nearly closed – 'yyy...' to avoid adding "uh".

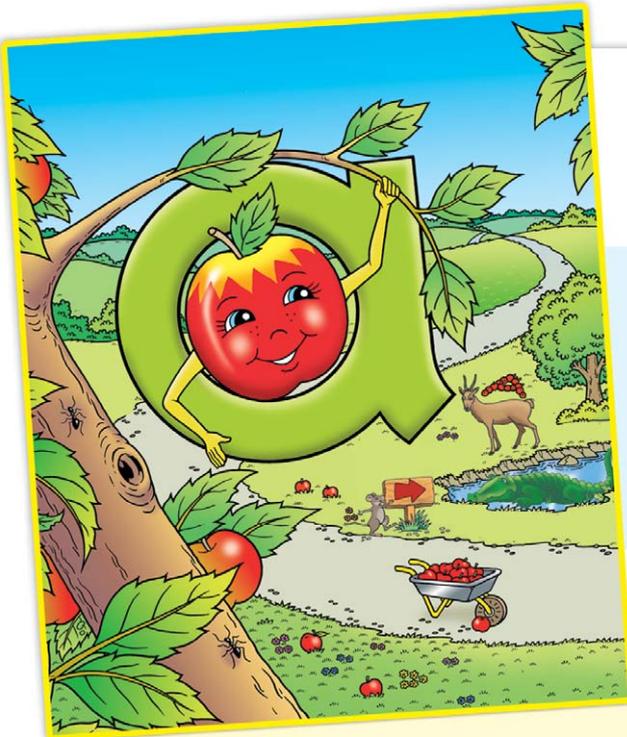


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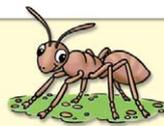
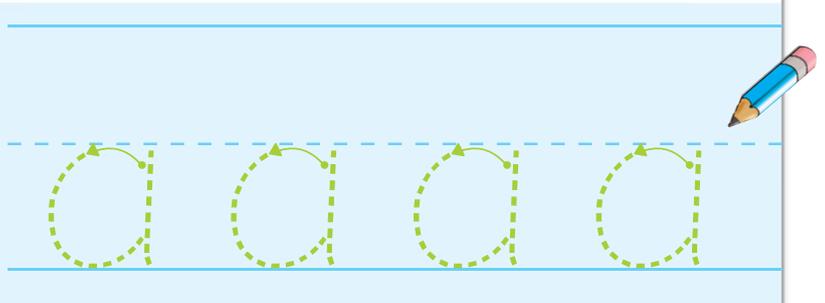
## The Vowel Men

The only men that ever say their traditional alphabet names in words are the five Vowel Men, Mr A, Mr E, Mr I, Mr O, and Mr U.

# Handwriting Practice



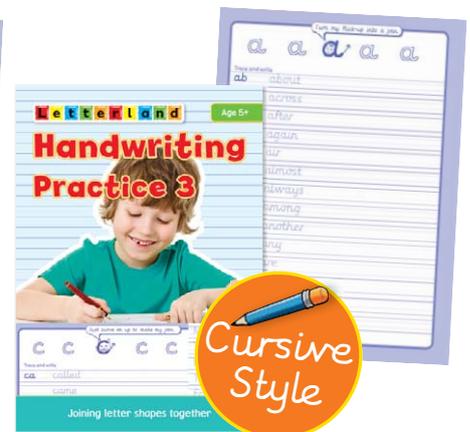
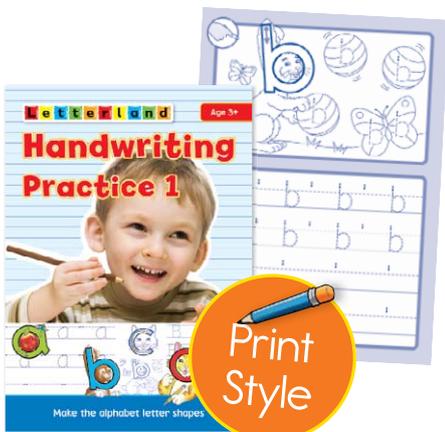
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She says, 'a' in words.



She starts words like...

ant

arrow

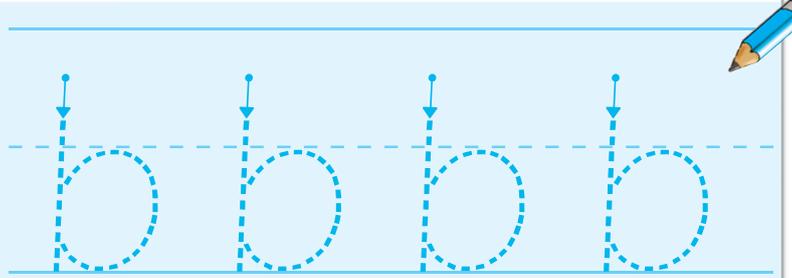


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# Handwriting Practice



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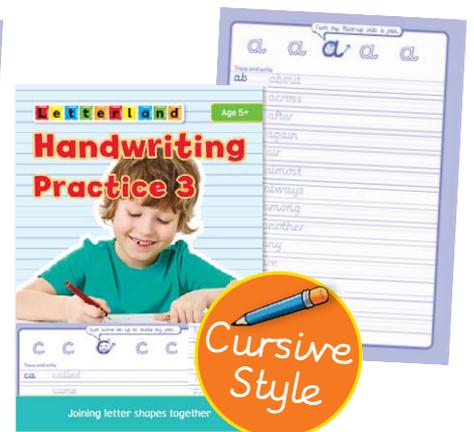
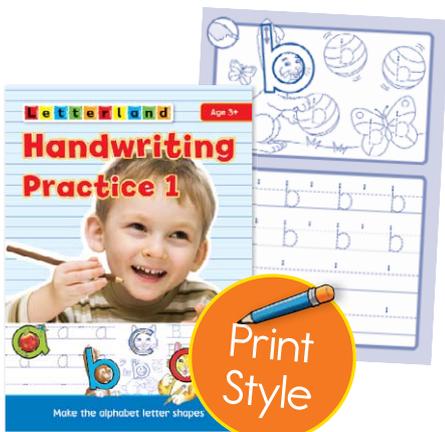


bee



bag

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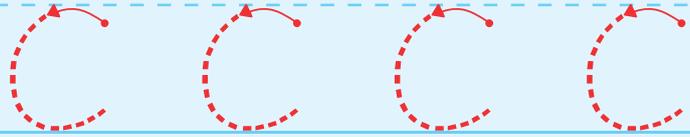
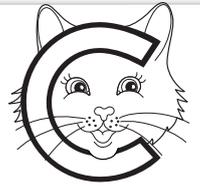


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# Handwriting Practice



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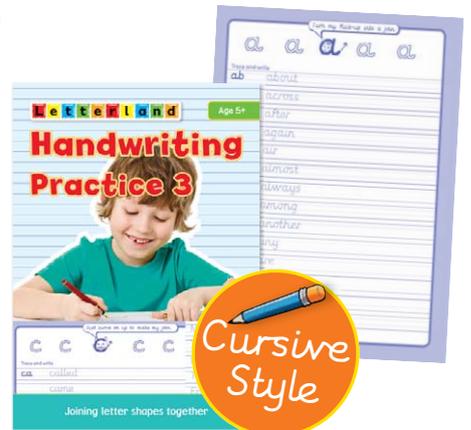
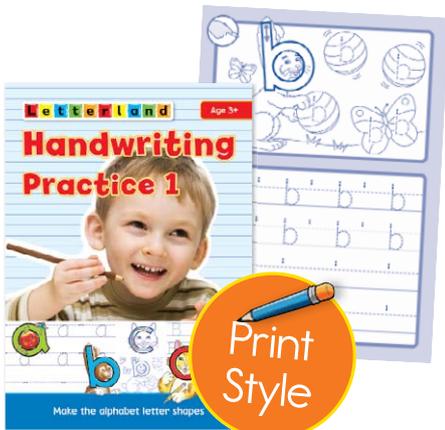
She starts words like...



cake



carrot

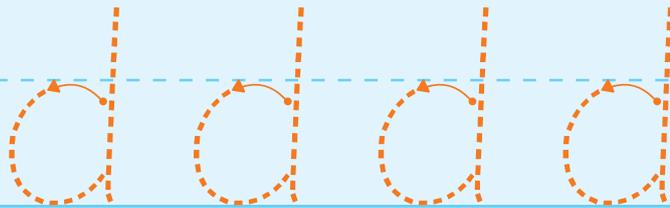


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# Handwriting Practice



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She says, 'd' in words.



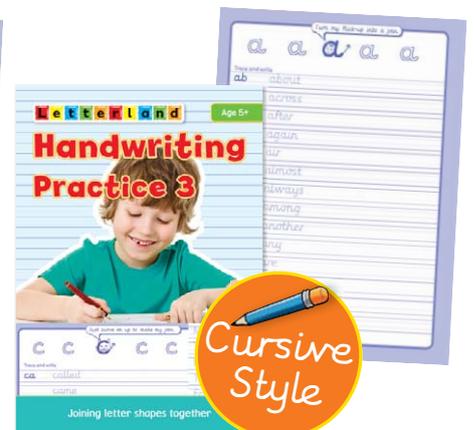
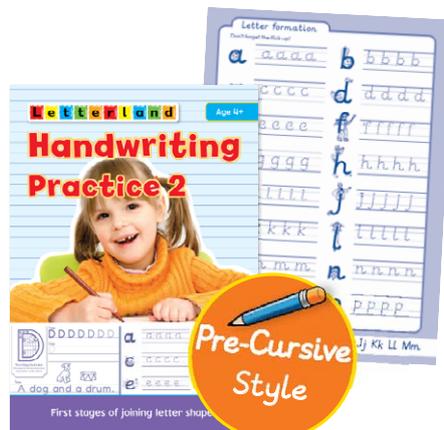
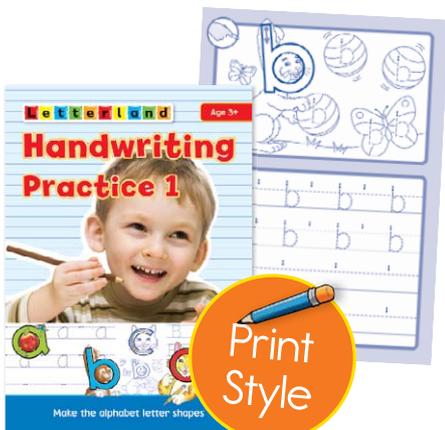
She starts words like...



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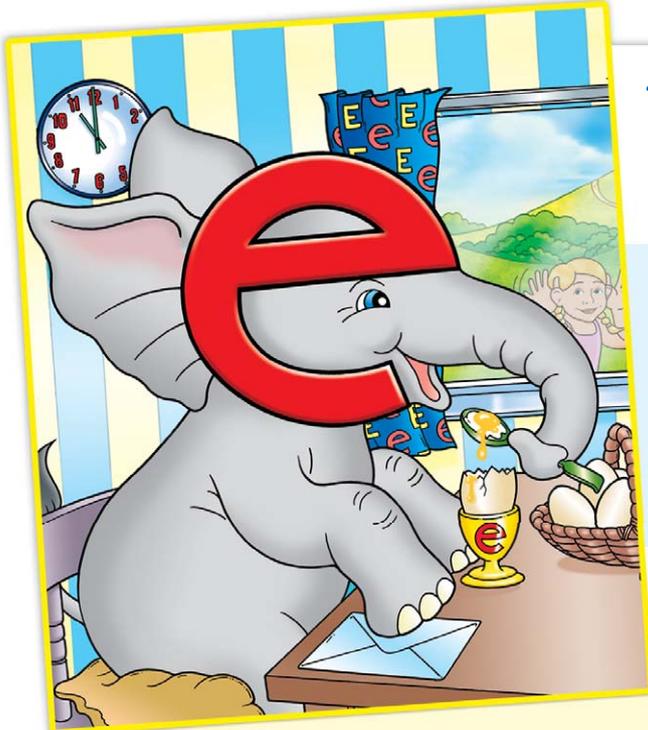


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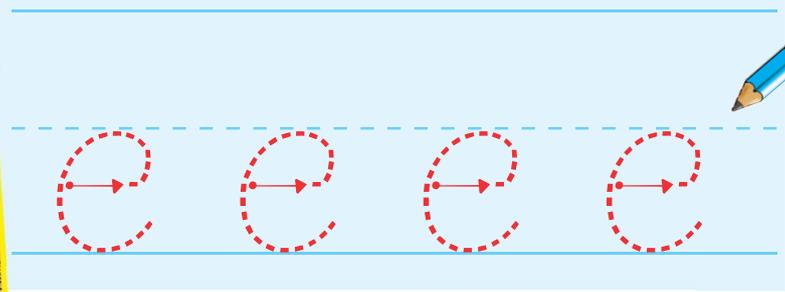


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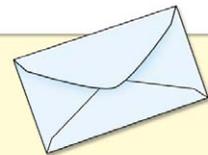
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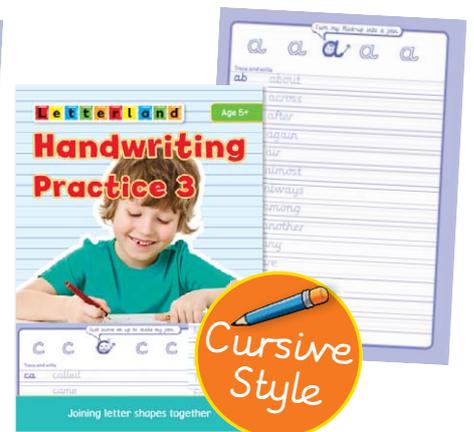
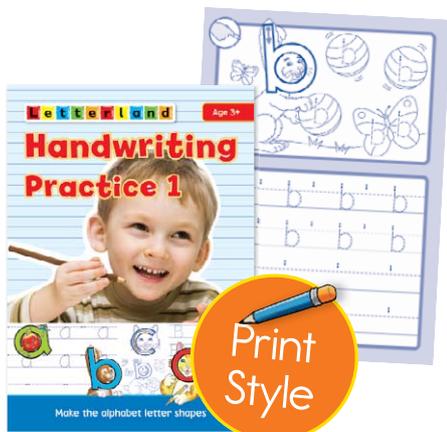


egg



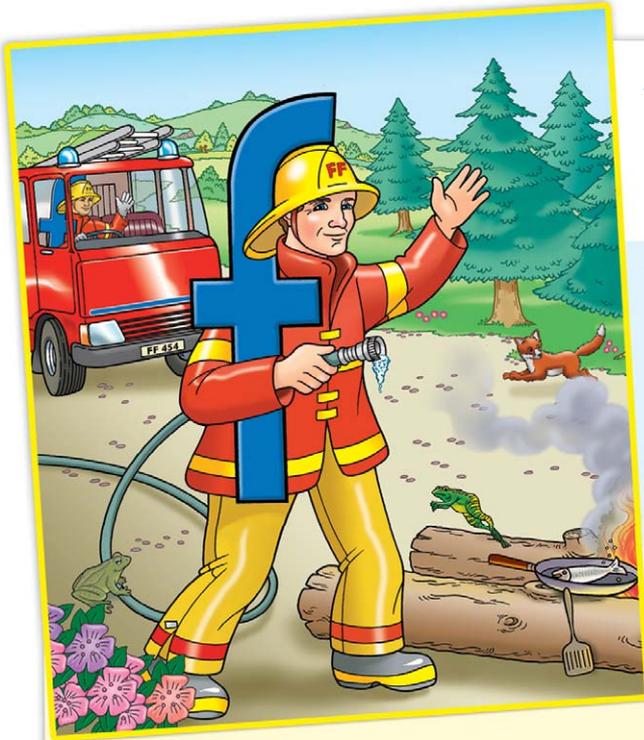
envelope

He starts words like...

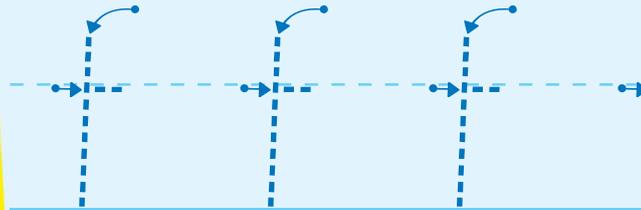
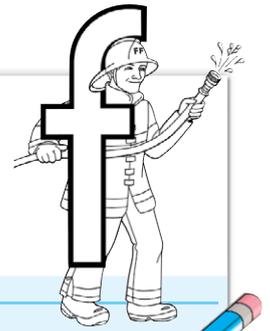


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# Handwriting Practice



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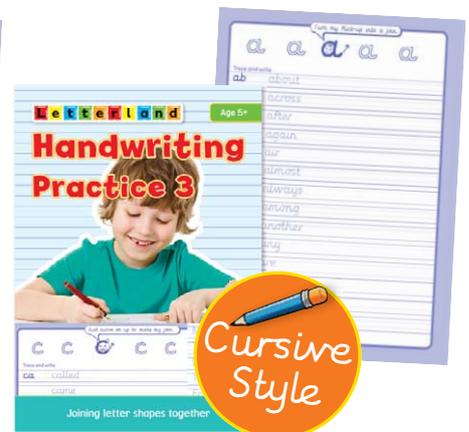
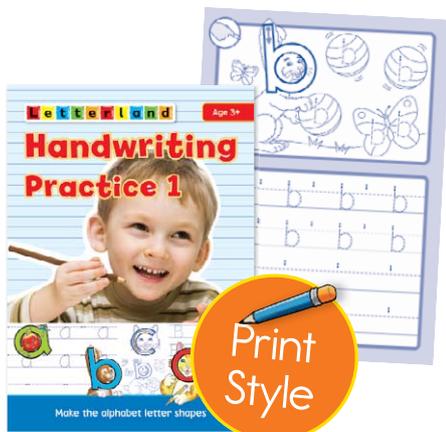
He starts words like...



frog

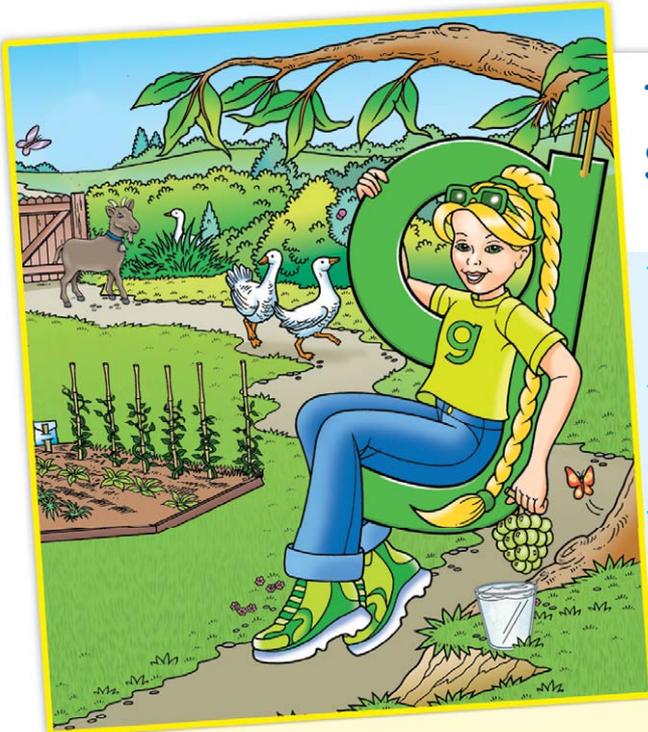


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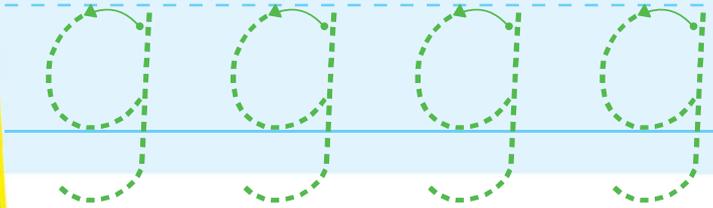


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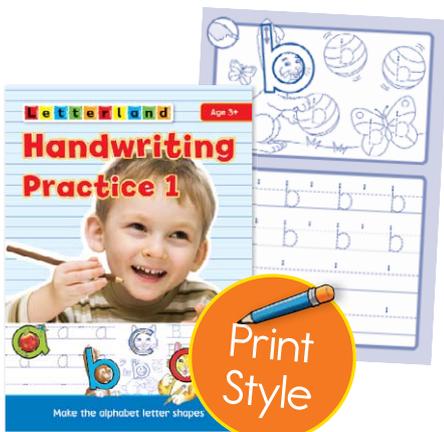
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She says, 'g' in words.



She starts words like...

grapes

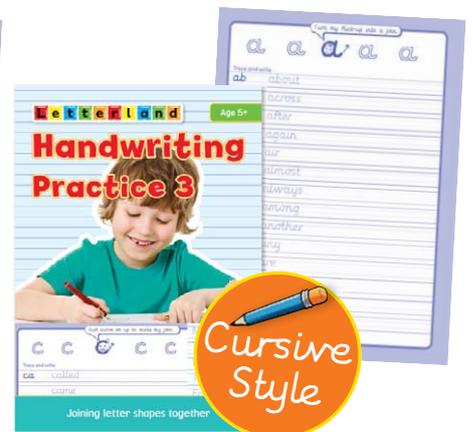
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Pre-Cursive Style



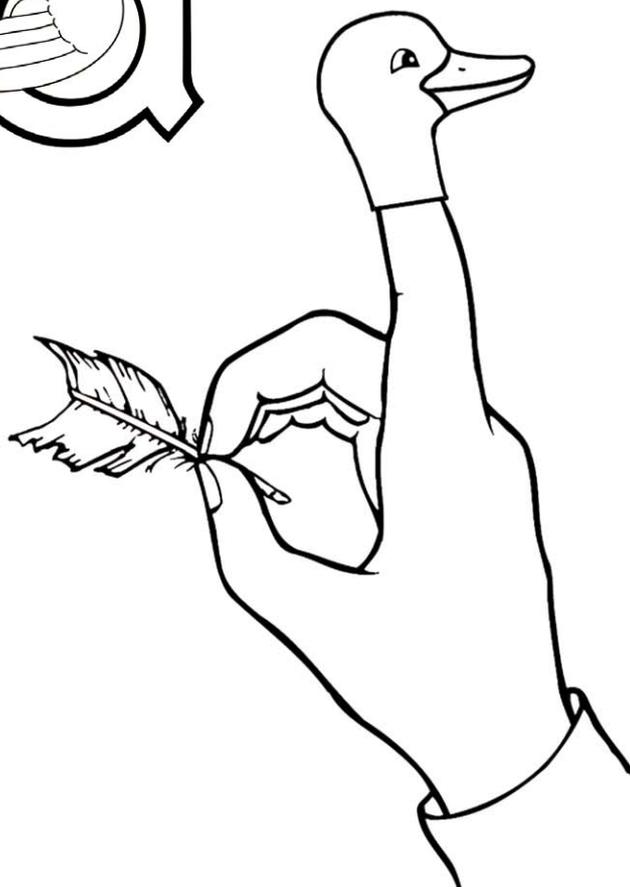
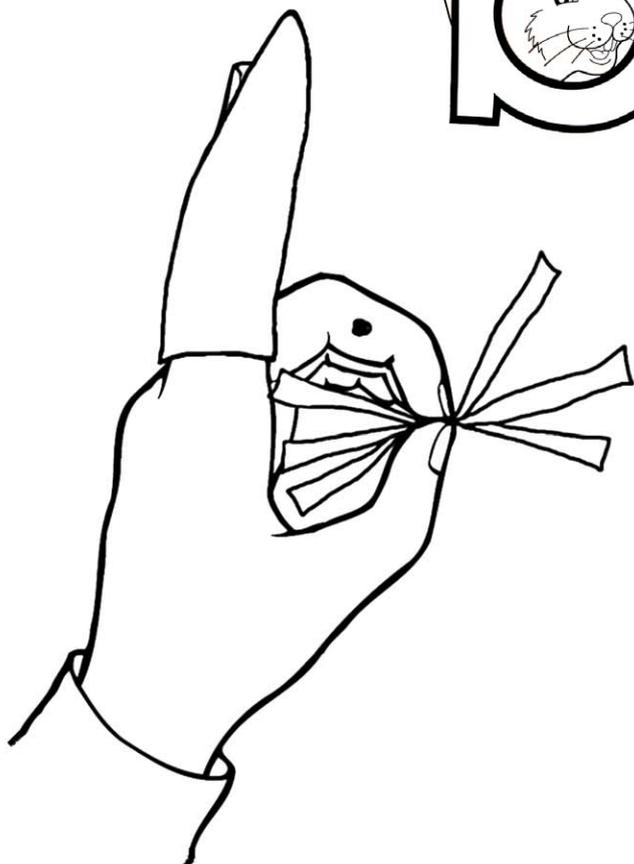
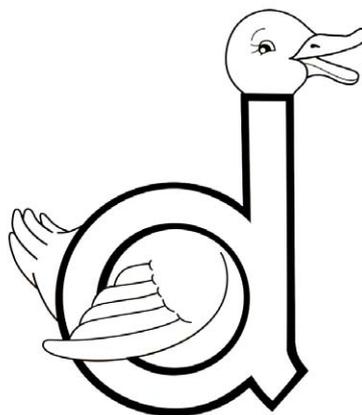
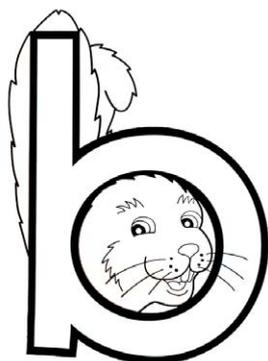
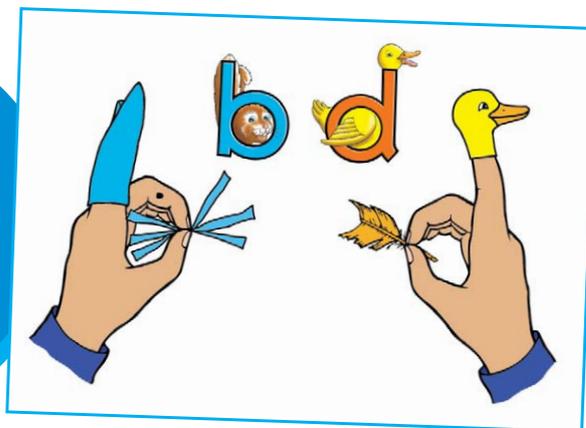
Cursive Style

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# Finger Puppets Activity

Use this activity to help your child to differentiate easily between the similar letter shapes 'b' and 'd'.

Use the guide to colour in the images below, then get creative with coloured paper and feathers to create your own 'b' and 'd' finger puppets.

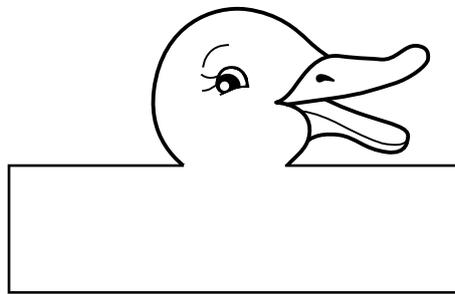


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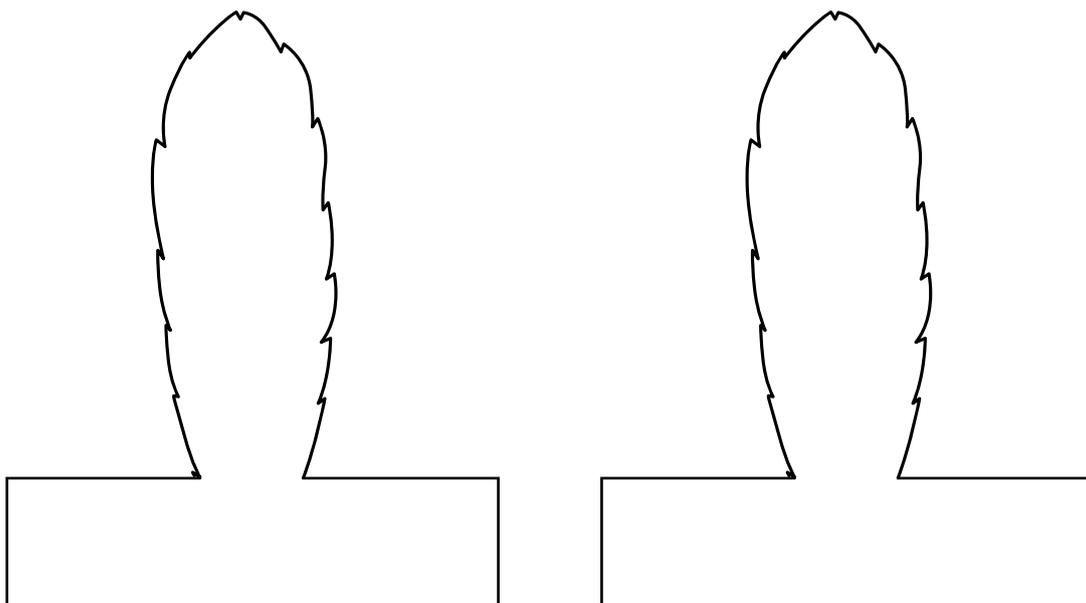
Use these templates to make your own finger puppets. Colour in and carefully cut out the head and ear shapes below, then use sticky tape or glue to create rings that fit on your fingers.



## Dippy Duck



## Bouncy Ben



# Blending Activity

Finger trace each letter as you say its sound.



Touch the dot under each letter as you say its sound.



Blend the first two sounds together. Then say the third.



Now say all three sounds together.



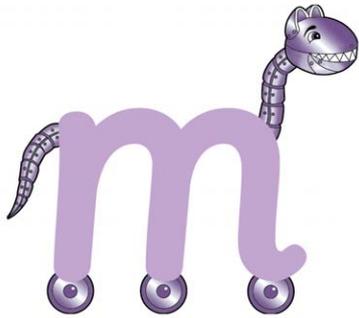
## Letterland Trick

Remember to whisper Sammy's 'sss' sound say Annie's 'a' sound, then whisper Tess's 't' sound. Slowly start to blend the sounds together. Then get faster and faster!

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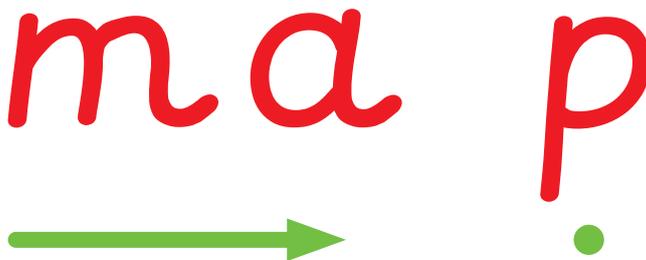
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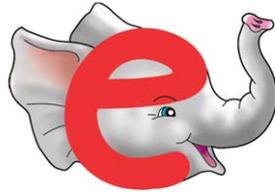
## Letterland Trick

The correct sounds are at the start of the characters' names. Say Mike's 'mmm' sound, Annie's 'a' sound and whisper Peter's 'p' sound. Slowly start to blend them together. Then get faster and faster!

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# Blending Activity

Finger trace each letter as you say its sound.



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l e g

Blend the first two sounds together. Then say the third.

le g

Now say all three sounds together.

leg

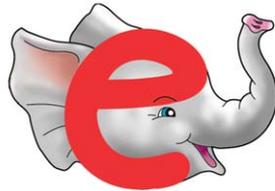
## Letterland Trick

The correct sounds are at the start of the characters' names. Say Lucy's 'l' sound, Eddy's 'e' sound and Golden Girl's 'g' sound. Slowly start to blend them together. Then get faster and faster!

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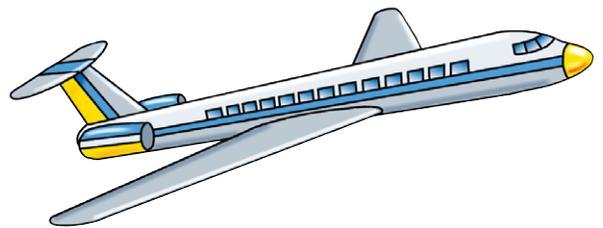
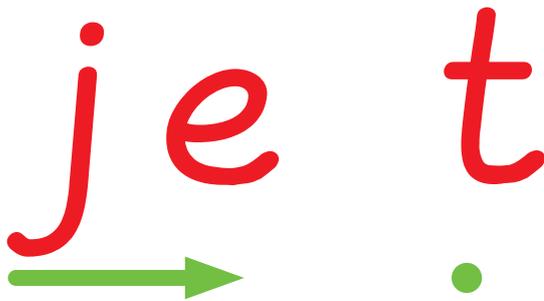
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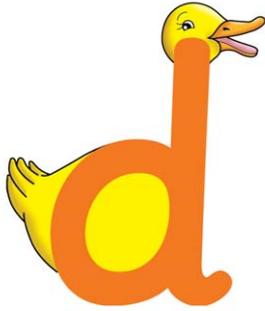


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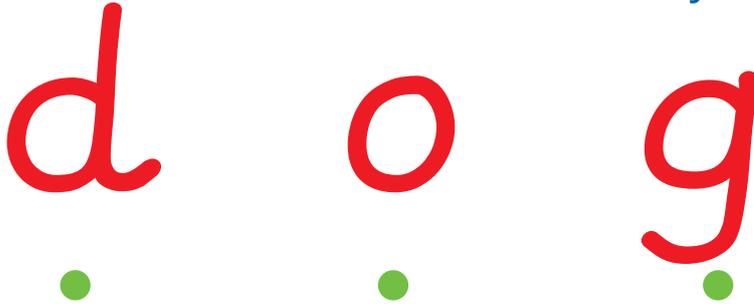
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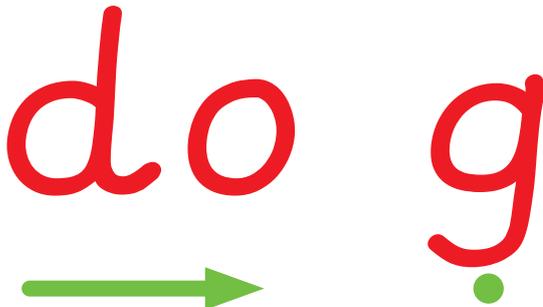
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The correct sounds are at the start of the characters' names. Say Dippy's 'd' sound, Oscar's 'o' sound and Golden Girl's 'g' sound. Slowly start to blend them together. Then get faster and faster!

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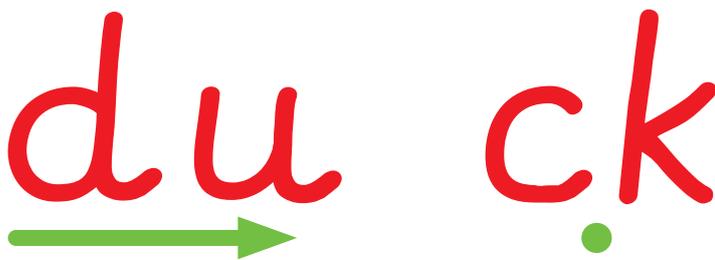
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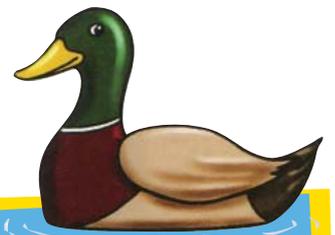
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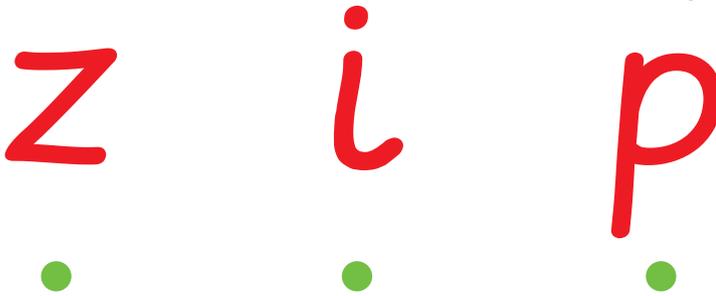
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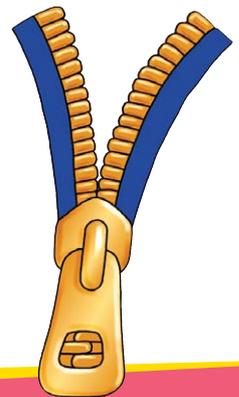
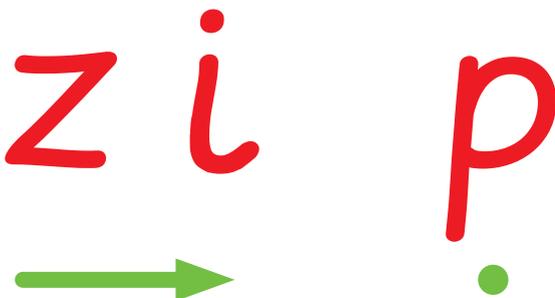
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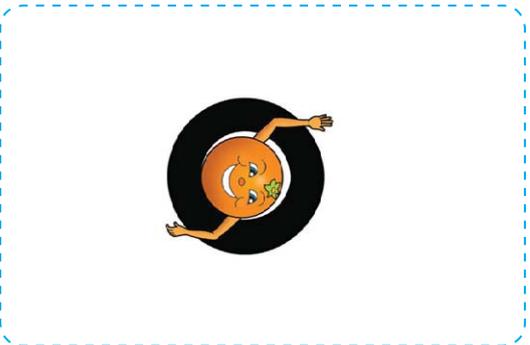
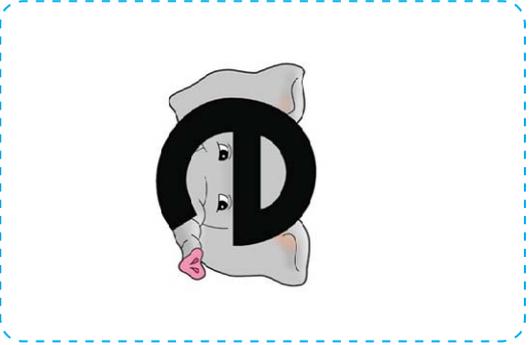
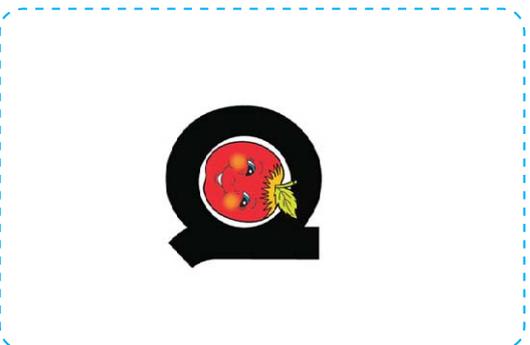
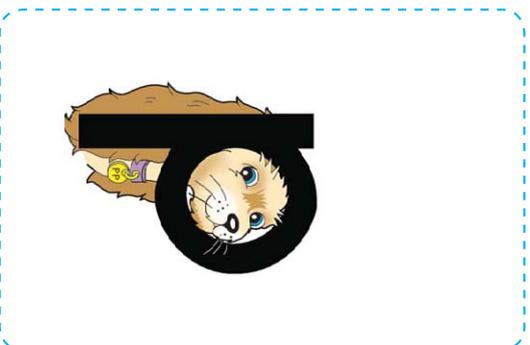
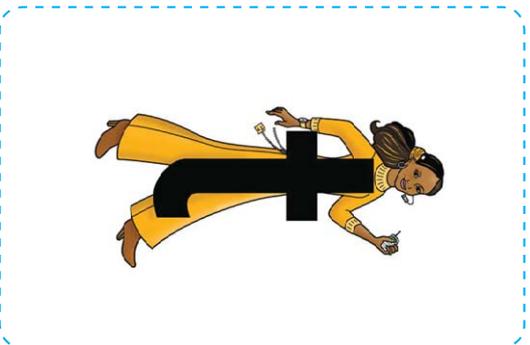
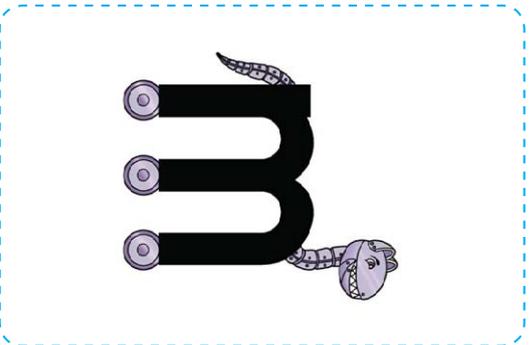
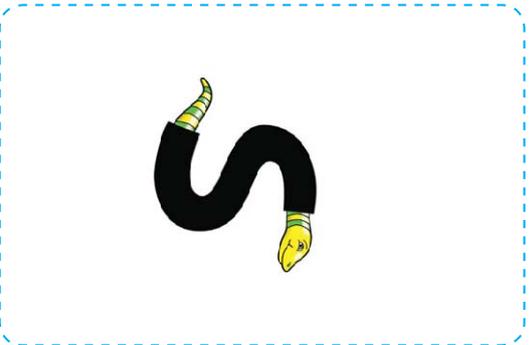
Now say all three sounds together.



## Letterland Trick

The correct sounds are at the start of the characters' names. Say Zig Zag Zebra's prolonged 'zzz' sound, Impy's 'i' sound and whisper Peter's 'p' sound. Slowly start to blend them together. Then get faster and faster!

# Word Building Activity



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s

Sammy Snake starts words like **sit**, **sun** and **stand** with his hissing 'sss...' sound.

m

Munching Mike starts words like **man**, **men** and **map** with his 'mmm...' sound.

t

Talking Tess starts words like **ten**, **top** and **tent** with her whispered 't...' sound.

p

Peter Puppy starts words like **pen**, **pin** and **pond** with his whispered 'p...' sound.

a

Annie Apple starts words like **and**, **ant** and **animal** with her 'ä...' sound.

e

Eddy Elephant starts words like **end**, **elbow** and **EXIT** with his 'ä...' sound.

o

Oscar Orange starts words like **on**, **ox** and **olive** with his 'o...' sound.

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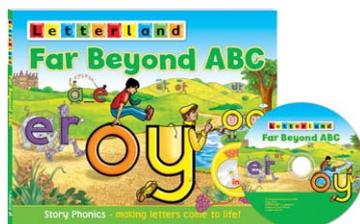
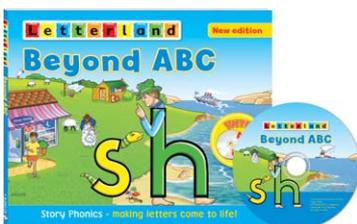


What sound does Sammy usually make in words? Yes, he likes to hiss ‘sss...’ very loudly. How does Harry Hat Man feel about noise? That’s right, he hates it! So what do you think happens when Sammy comes slithering and sliding up behind Harry in a word? Do you think he will put up with all that noise? Absolutely not! He turns back and says, “**sh!**” to hush Sammy up.

Sammy came slithering up behind Harry at the seashore today, hissing loudly, so Harry had to say, “**sh!**” again. Sammy and Harry like to sit in the sunsh**in**e and look at all the things by the sh**o**re. They can see sh**ell**s, sh**ri**mps and fish**h** in the sea. Those fish sh**ou**ld keep a sh**ar**p eye out for that sh**ar**k in the sh**al**low water!

Can you see the sh**ep**herd sh**ea**ring his sh**ee**p? There are four sh**y** sh**ee**p who don’t want to be sh**ea**red. Can you find them for him?

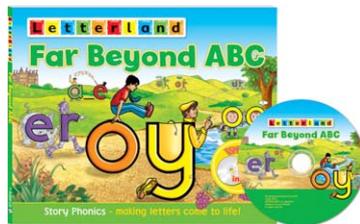
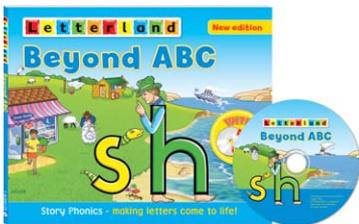
ship      shell      sheep      shark



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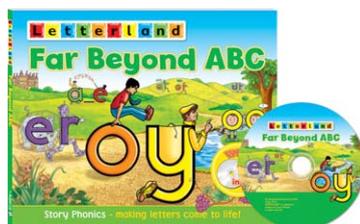
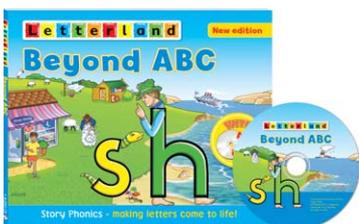
Silent Magic e has made Mr A appear and wave as he says his name in some words!

It's cold in Letterland and the lake has frozen. Mr A came up the lane with a spade to clear the snow so now it is safe to get to the frozen lake. Snowflakes are still falling so Golden Girl has put on her cape to keep warm while she skates.

A boy and girl are having a race to the lake. Can you see them in front of the cave?

Nick has made a cake and brought some grapes on a plate to eat after he has had a skate. He also brought a game to play. Can you see it? It's Snakes and Ladders. He loves the game but I think it'll be too late to play when they have taken off their skates. What a shame.

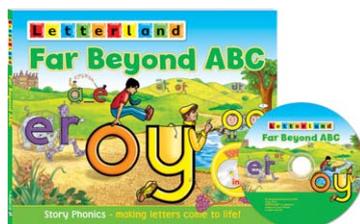
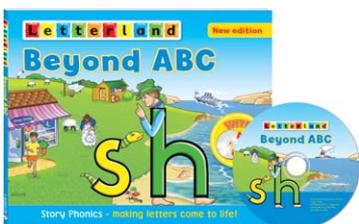
cake      gate      grapes      lake



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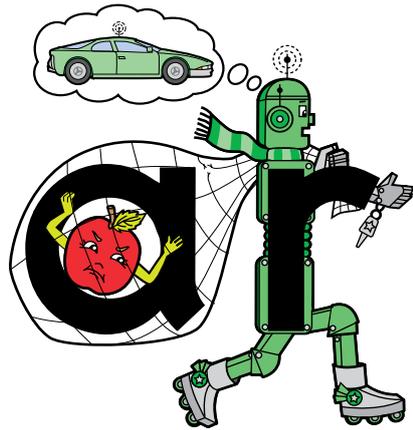
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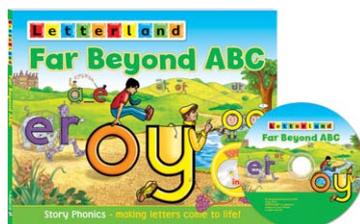
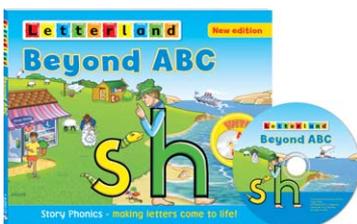
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In Letterland, there are five roller-skating robots who cause trouble by capturing vowels even though they know they shouldn't. This one is called **Arthur Ar** and he likes to capture Letterland apples. Look! He is running away with Annie Apple! She is too surprised to make her usual sound. Instead, all you can hear is **Arthur Ar** reporting back to the ringleader, Red Robot, with his last name, "**Ar!**"

**Arthur Ar** waited until it was getting dark. He thought he could get up to his tricks by the light of the stars, but now he's stuck trying to escape from a large barn! The guard dog has started barking to raise the alarm. And now the farmer has found **Arthur's radar car** parked in his yard. **Arthur Ar** is darting around the barn trying to escape, but there's a guitar, tarts, sharp darts and jars of varnish in his way. Even a little armadillo is trying hard to catch **Arthur Ar** and stop him from getting away in his radar car!

car farmer garden star

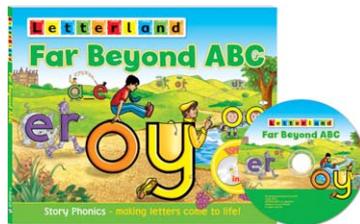
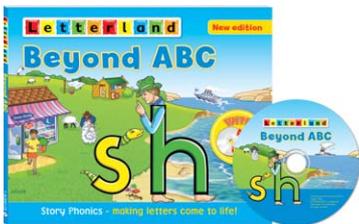


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# High Frequency Words

These are the most common words that children are expected to know by the end of their first year at school. The 26 words that are highlighted in green are all 'decodable', that is, they can be sounded out using the first sounds children learn for a-z. All the other words have an irregular part or parts. Words highlighted in yellow with little stick men indicate a long vowel sound. In Letterland the long vowels are called the Vowel Men, and they are the only inhabitants of Letterland that ever say their alphabet names in words.

The rest of the words are the ones you can help the most with, by simply reading and writing them together, a few at a time, but often, until both reading and writing them has become virtually automatic. The irregular parts of each word have been underlined.

the	that	not	look	put
and	with	then	don't	could
a	all	were	come	house
to	wē	gō	will	ōld
said	can	little	into	too
in	are	as	back	by
hē	up	nō	from	dāy
ī	had	mum	children	māde
of	my	one	him	tīme
it	her	them	Mr	ī'm
was	what	do	get	if
you	there	mē	just	help
they	out	down	now	Mrs
on	this	dad	cāme	called
shē	have	big	ōh	here
is	went	when	about	off
for	bē	it's	got	asked
at	like	sēe	their	saw
his	some	looked	people	make
but	sō	very	your	an

# High Frequency Words

Use this page to code your own high frequency words.

the	that	not	look	put
and	with	then	don't	could
a	all	were	come	house
to	we	go	will	old
said	can	little	into	too
in	are	as	back	by
he	up	no	from	day
I	had	mum	children	made
of	my	one	him	time
it	her	them	Mr	I'm
was	what	do	get	if
you	there	me	just	help
they	out	down	now	Mrs
on	this	dad	came	called
she	have	big	oh	here
is	went	when	about	off
for	be	it's	got	asked
at	like	see	their	saw
his	some	looked	people	make
but	so	very	your	an