



Letter Rr

Practice letter *Rr*. Help your child think about how dots, lines, and circles are used to form letters.

Print Knowledge

To help your child think about how dots, lines, and circles are used to form letters, give them paper and markers and give them directions. For example, “Make a dot. Now put a circle around the dot. Put a line under the circle.” As you go, make your own drawing to match the directions. When you’re finished, compare the two drawings. Then, write three or four letters. Ask your child to find the lines, dots, and circles within the letters.

Mystery Words

End some sentences with “mystery words” that are broken into individual sounds. Ask your child to tell you the mystery word! For example:

PARENT

Let’s put away these /t/ /oy/ /s/.
It’s almost time for /b/ /e/ /d/.
Remember to brush your /t/ /ee/ /th/.
Will you choose a book for us
to /r/ /ea/ /d/?

CHILD

toys!
bed!
teeth!
read!

Letter Name, Shape, and Sound

WATERFORD SONGS

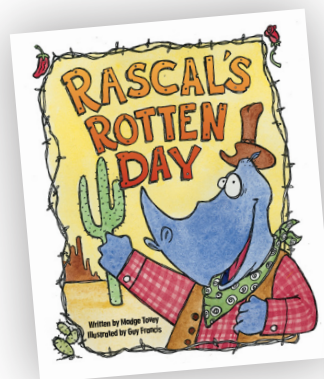
Find these songs on the [Waterford.org YouTube](https://www.waterford.org/YouTube) channel.

- Practice recognizing capital *R* and lowercase *r* with the **Alphabet Songs** playlist.
- Practice the /r/* sound with the **Letter Sound Songs** playlist.

You can find these Waterford.org books and practice pages—and many more—in the **Resources & Activities** tab at mentor.waterford.org.

WATERFORD BOOKS

- Read *Rascal’s Rotten Day* together. Have your child listen for the words beginning with *R* and match them to the pictures in the story.
- Read *Little Rabbit* together. Have fun reading with expression. Read the rhyme again, adding hand motions and actions to act it out.



*/r/ is the first sound in *rabbit* and *rascal*.

LETTER TRACE FUN

Print the **Letter Trace R** and **Letter Trace r** practice pages. You can also draw a large capital *R* and lowercase *r* on a blank piece of paper. With your child, draw things that begin with /r/ inside the letter. Have your child trace the letter with their finger. Keep your letter pages to review often with your child.

Comprehension

VOCABULARY

If your child already knows the meanings of these words, reviewing them will help with comprehension of *Little Rabbit* and can help your child begin to recognize these words when they see them in print.

bite: to close your teeth around something

carrots: vegetables that are long and orange

ears: the parts of your head you hear with

turnips: round, white vegetables

rabbit: a small hopping animal with long ears

BUILD KNOWLEDGE

Find *Little Rabbit* in the **Resources & Activities** tab at mentor.waterford.org. After reading the book, show your child where China is on a map. Rabbits live on every continent except Antarctica. Do an internet search to learn more about the kinds of rabbits that live in your area. Find the vocabulary words in the story.

