



Letter Ss

Practice letter Ss. Help your child sequence a series of events and understand the concepts of first, next, and last.

Sequencing

Help your child sequence a series of events and understand the concepts of first, next, and last. Choose a favorite nursery rhyme. Draw three parts of the rhyme. Help your child put the drawings in order by asking, “What happened first? What happened next? What happened last?”

Win the Card

Find the **Sound Sense Playing Cards** in the **Resources & Activities** tab at mentor.waterford.org. Print the cards and cut them out. Say, “To play this game, we win cards by saying words a special way. I’ll show you how.” Hold up a card and say the name of the picture. For example, “Hat—the special way to say this word is /h/-/at/.” Give your child a few more examples and help them practice a few times. Place the cards in a pile face down. Turn over the cards one at a time. How many words can your child say in the special way? Provide guidance as needed. See the answer key below!

hat → /h/-/at/
tree → /tr/-/ee/
net → /n/-/et/
sad → /s/-/ad/
pig → /p/-/ig/
chin → /ch/-/in/
frog → /fr/-/og/
ten → /t/-/en/
snake → /sn/-/ake/
sled → /sl/-/ed/

stop → /st/-/op/
map → /m/-/ap/
bug → /b/-/ug/
drum → /dr/-/um/
can → /c/-/an/
grape → /gr/-/ape/
mice → /m/-/ice/
rose → /r/-/ose/
snail → /sn/-/ail/

* /s/ is the first sound in *six* and *spider*.

Letter Name, Shape, and Sound

WATERFORD SONGS

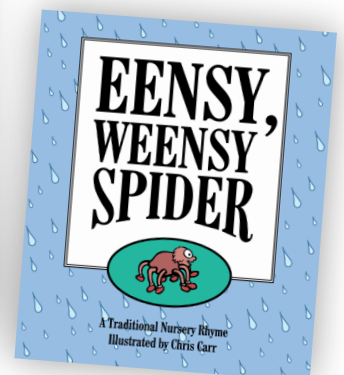
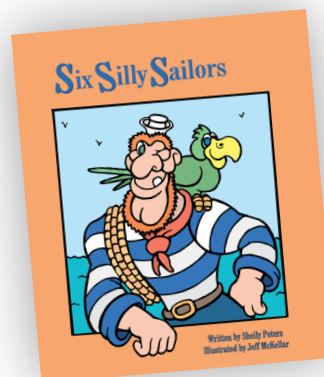
Find these songs on the [Waterford.org YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq11111111111111111111) channel.

- Practice recognizing capital S and lowercase s with the **Alphabet Songs** playlist.
- Practice the /s/* sound with the **Letter Sound Songs** playlist.
- Sing along with “Eensy, Weensy Spider” in the **Sing a Rhyme Series** 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 *Six Silly Sailors* together. Use the activities at the end of the book to practice the /s/ sound.
- Read *Eensy, Weensy Spider* together. Have fun reading with expression. Read the rhyme again, adding hand motions and actions to act it out.



LETTER TRACE FUN

Print the **Letter Trace S** and **Letter Trace s** practice pages. You can also draw a large capital S and lowercase s on a blank piece of paper. With your child, draw things that begin with /s/ 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 *Eensy, Weensy Spider* and can help your child begin to recognize these words when they see them in print.

dried: took the moisture out

rain: drops of water from the sky

spout: an opening through which liquid flows or is poured

sun: the big light in the sky during the day

washed: pushed by water or cleaned with water

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Find *Eensy, Weensy Spider* in the **Resources & Activities** tab at mentor.waterford.org. After reading the book, ask your child, “What did the spider do after the spider was washed away by the rain? Have you ever fallen down while learning to skate or ride a bike? When this happened, did you decide to try again?” Find the vocabulary words in the story.

