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First letter sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

1 Say the sound. **SAY:** "This is s. It says /s/, like the start of sun. Your turn." Point to each picture as you go.

2 Trace it. **SAY:** "Start at the yellow dot and say /s/ while you trace." Two traces, then one on their own.

3 Read a word. **SAY:** "Touch each dot and say its sound: /s/ /a/ /t/. Now slide and say it fast. Sat!"

Tip. Keep each sound short and clean: /t/, not "tuh." A clipped sound blends into a word far more easily.

1 Say it, then trace it



Ss

s s s



Aa

a a a



Tt

t t t



Pp

p p p



Ii

i i i



Nn

n n n

2 Touch each dot, then slide and read

s a t

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p i n

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t a p

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n a p

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s i t

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p a n

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Answer key

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1 Say it, then trace it

Ss says /s/, as in sun

Aa says /a/, as in apple

Tt says /t/, as in tent

Pp says /p/, as in pig

Ii says /i/, as in igloo

Nn says /n/, as in nest

2 Touch each dot, then slide and read

sat: /s/ /a/ /t/, sat

pin: /p/ /i/ /n/, pin

tap: /t/ /a/ /p/, tap

nap: /n/ /a/ /p/, nap

sit: /s/ /i/ /t/, sit

pan: /p/ /a/ /n/, pan

If it's hard

- If a sound won't stick, give it a motion, like a snake's hiss for /s/ or a tap on the table for /t/. Moving helps a young child remember.
- If blending stalls, say the first two sounds together, /sa/, then add the last: /sa/ /t/, sat.



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