LETTERS AND SOUNDS M-R

Activity Pack -- FREE Resource

Ages 4-6 | No Prior Reading Required

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Letters M and N

The magical garden glowed beneath the evening sky. Tonight, new letters are waiting for us. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

M says /m/ like moon

M M M M M M M M

m m m m m m m m

Move like the word: Stretch up and point to the moon!
Draw something that starts with /m/:

N says /n/ like nest

N N N N N N N N

n n n n n n n n

Move like the word: Cup your hands gently like a nest!
Draw something that starts with /n/:

Think About It

* What else can you see in the sky at night?

* Who might live in a nest?

Letters O and P

O floated above a playful octopus, and P stood beside a muddy pink pig. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

O says /o/ like octopus

O O O O O O O O

o o o o o o o o

Move like the word: Wiggle your arms like eight octopus arms!
Draw something that starts with /o/:

P says /p/ like pig

P P P P P P P P

p p p p p p p p

Move like the word: Snort softly like a pig! Oink!
Draw something that starts with /p/:

Think About It

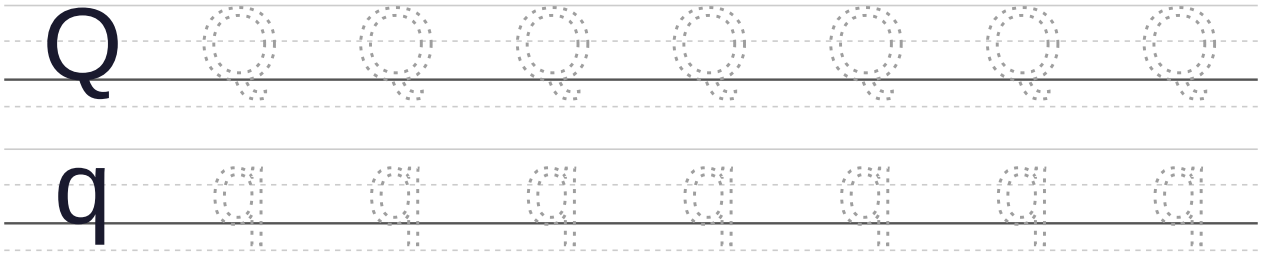
* How many arms does an octopus have?

* Why do you think pigs like mud?

Letters Q and R

Q sparkled beside a kind queen, and R glowed beneath a bright rainbow. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

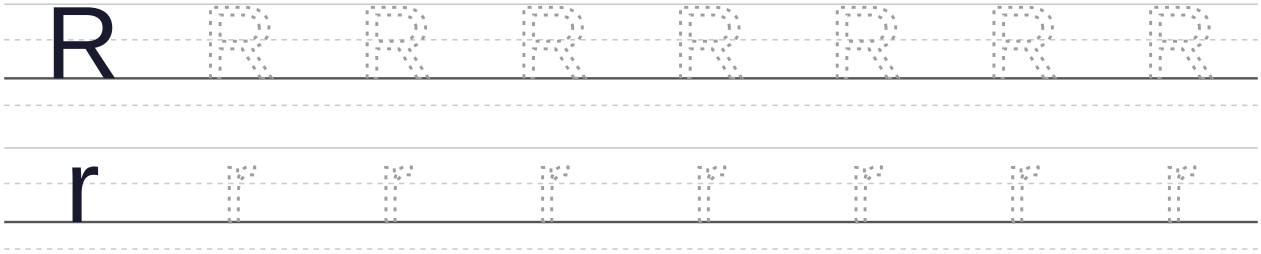
Q says /kw/ like queen



Move like the word: Bow or curtsy like a royal!
Q nearly always comes with u. Together, qu says /kw/ like queen.

Draw something that starts with /kw/:

R says /r/ like rainbow



Move like the word: Stretch your arms wide like a rainbow!
Draw something that starts with /r/:

Think About It

* If you met a queen, what would you say?

* How many colours can you name in a rainbow?

Picture Match

Here is a basket of picture cards. Let's match our new letters and words! Ask a grown-up to read the words with you.

Activity 1: Draw a Line to Match

Letter		Word
M m		octopus
N n		pig
O o		queen
P p		rainbow
Q q		moon
R r		nest

Activity 2: What Does It Start With?

Word	Circle the first letter
mouse	m p
net	q n
ostrich	o r
panda	m p
quilt	q n
rabbit	o r

Think About It

* Which word was the trickiest to match?

* Can you think of another word for each letter?

Make a Letter Story

You can make up your own stories using your new letter words. Let's try!

Activity 1: Story Sentences

Listen to each sentence. Circle the letter when you see it.

Read with a grown-up	Find the letter
The pig splashes in mud.	**p**
The queen loves rainbows.	**q**
One night, the octopus looked at the moon.	**m**
The rainbow appeared after the rain.	**r**

Activity 2: My Story

Draw your own story using two words from M, N, O, P, Q and R.

One night, _____

(A grown-up can help you write.)

Think About It

* Tell your story to a friend. What happens at the end?

* Which letter word was your favourite to use?

I Can Do It!

Look how many letters you know! Colour each letter when you can say its sound.

Activity 1: Letters I Know

M m	**N n**	**O o**	**P p**	**Q q**	**R r**

Activity 2: Letter Star Tracker

Colour a star each day you do it.

I can...	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
say the /m/ sound for M m	*	*	*	*	*
say the /n/ sound for N n	*	*	*	*	*
say the /o/ sound for O o	*	*	*	*	*
say the /p/ sound for P p	*	*	*	*	*
say the /kw/ sound for Q q	*	*	*	*	*
say the /r/ sound for R r	*	*	*	*	*
find one of my letters in a book	*	*	*	*	*

Think About It

* Which letter sound is the easiest for you? Which is the trickiest?

* Who could you show your letters to tonight?

Teacher's Companion

No Prior Reading Required
This pack is fully standalone. No book or characters are referenced. Any student can complete these worksheets without prior reading. Suitable for classroom, library, and home learning programmes. This pack is an excerpt of a full book-specific learning pack available with purchase at **learningsmart.au**

Australian Curriculum Alignment

Learning Area	Strand	Year Level	Content Description (summary)
English	Phonics and Word Knowledge	Foundation	Recognise the letters M-R and say their most common sounds (WS1-WS3)
English	Phonics and Word Knowledge	Foundation	Hear the first sound in a spoken word (WS4)
English	Handwriting	Foundation	Form upper and lower case letters using guide lines (WS1-WS3)
English	Literacy	Foundation	Listen to, retell and create simple stories with an adult (WS5)
Health and PE	Moving Our Body	Foundation	Move the body in different ways to match each letter (WS1-WS3)
Gen. Capabilities	Personal and Social Capability	Foundation	Recognise progress and celebrate learning (WS6)
English	Literature	Foundation	Share and respond to simple stories and rhymes

16 Key Letters and Sounds M-R Lessons

#	Lesson
1	M says /m/ like moon.
2	N says /n/ like nest.
3	O says /o/ like octopus.
4	P says /p/ like pig.
5	Q comes with u: qu says /kw/ like queen.
6	R says /r/ like rainbow.
7	Every letter has a big (upper case) and small (lower case) shape.
8	We can hear the first sound in a word.
9	Moving our bodies helps us remember sounds.
10	Letters join together to make words.
11	Words join together to make sentences.
12	We can make up our own stories with new words.
13	Matching letters and pictures builds reading.
14	Practising a little every day makes us stronger readers.
15	Learning together is fun.
16	Every new letter is a step to reading on your own.

Answer Keys and Discussion Guidance

WS1-WS3 -- Letter Pages
Model correct letter formation: start at the top. Lower case p and q drop below the line. Accept any drawing that starts with the sound (e.g. M: mouse, mum; N: net, nose; O: ostrich, octagon; P: panda, pear; Q: quilt, question; R: rabbit, robot).

WS4 -- Picture Match (Answers)
Match: M-moon, N-nest, O-octopus, P-pig, Q-queen, R-rainbow. First letters: mouse m, net n, ostrich o, panda p, quilt q, rabbit r.

WS5 -- Story Sentences
Read each sentence aloud while the child finds the letter. Accept any story that uses two letter words.

Phonics Note
Q has no sound of its own: it almost always teams with u to say /kw/, as taught here. O is taught as the short /o/ in octopus.

WS6 -- Star Tracker
There are no correct scores. Celebrate every star and every attempt.

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Differentiation Strategies

Level	Strategy	Example Application
Below Level (support)	Reduce written output; use sentence starters; allow verbal responses; pair with peer.	Use hand-over-hand tracing, and say the sound together with each action.
On Level (standard)	Complete all activities as written. Use discussion partner for Think About It sections.	Standard completion with class debrief of Think About It questions.
Extension (enrichment)	Find each letter in a picture book and point to it.	Write a short word for each letter, such as mum, nap, on, pig, quiz, red.

7 Discussion Questions

1. What can you see in the sky at night?
2. Can you point to the moon and say /m/?
3. Can you wiggle like an octopus?
4. How would you greet a queen?
5. What did the octopus look at in the story sentences?
6. Which letter from M to R is in your name?
7. Which action was the most fun?

Classroom Display Ideas

Night Sky Letters: A dark wall with a glowing moon and the letters M-R as stars.

Action Cards: Cards showing each action: point, cup hands, wiggle, snort, bow, stretch.

Name Wall: Children's names sorted by their first letter.

Picture Card Basket: A basket of picture cards for matching games.

Our Letter Stories: Children's WS5 story drawings with their sentences.

Star Readers: A chart of letter stars from WS6.

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