LETTERS AND SOUNDS S-Z

Activity Pack -- FREE Resource

Ages 4-6 | No Prior Reading Required

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Letters S and T

Today we finish our alphabet adventure! Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

S says /s/ like snake

S S S S S S S S

s s s s s s s s

Move like the word: Hiss softly like a snake! Ssssss!
Draw something that starts with /s/:

T says /t/ like turtle

T T T T T T T T

t t t t t t t t

Move like the word: Walk slowly like a tiny turtle!
Draw something that starts with /t/:

Think About It

* What other animals start with /s/ like snake?

* Can you walk as slowly as a turtle?

Letters U and V

U glowed beneath a bright umbrella, and V shimmered beside a violin. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

U says /u/ like umbrella

U U U U U U U U

u u u u u u u u

Move like the word: Open your arms wide like an umbrella!
Draw something that starts with /u/:

V says /v/ like violin

V V V V V V V V

v v v v v v v v

Move like the word: Pretend to play music on a violin!
Draw something that starts with /v/:

Think About It

* When do people use an umbrella?

* What music do you like to dance to?

Letters W and X

W splashed beside a giant whale, and X glowed beside an x-ray picture. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

W says /w/ like whale

W W W W W W W W

w w w w w w w w

Move like the word: Make a big splash like a whale!
Draw something that starts with /w/:

X says /ks/ like x-ray

X X X X X X X X

x x x x x x x x

Move like the word: Pretend you can see your bones, like an x-ray!
X usually says /ks/ at the END of words, like fox and box.

Draw a fox or a box (they end with x):

Think About It

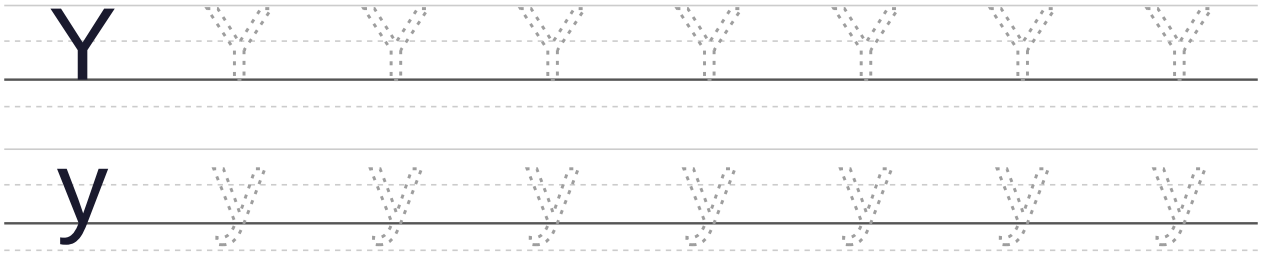
* Where do whales live?

* What does an x-ray show?

Letters Y and Z

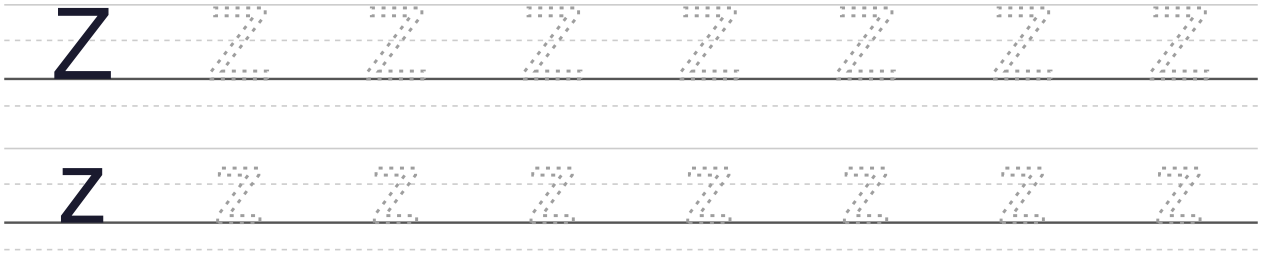
Y rested beside yellow yarn, and Z zig-zagged beside a striped zebra. Trace each letter, starting with the dark one.

Y says /y/ like yarn



Move like the word: Wrap pretend yarn around your hands!
Draw something that starts with /y/:

Z says /z/ like zebra



Move like the word: Walk in zig-zags like a zebra!
Draw something that starts with /z/:

Think About It

* What could you make with yarn?

* What colours are a zebra's stripes?

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
S s		umbrella
T t		violin
U u		whale
V v		x-ray
W w		yarn
X x		zebra
Y y		snake
Z z		turtle

Activity 2: What Does It Start With?

Word	Circle the first letter
sun	s v
tiger	w t
up	u x
van	y v
web	w z
yo-yo	t y
zip	z u

Think About It

* Which word was the trickiest to match?

* Can you think of another word for each letter?

We Are Readers Now!

You learned every letter from A to Z! Colour every letter you know.

Activity 1: My Whole Alphabet

A a	B b	C c	D d	E e	F f	G g
H h	I i	J j	K k	L l	M m	N n
O o	P p	Q q	R r	S s	T t	U u
V v	W w	X x	Y y	Z z		

Activity 2: Letter Star Tracker

Colour a star each day you do it.

I can...	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
say the /s/ sound for S s	*	*	*	*	*
say the /t/ sound for T t	*	*	*	*	*
say the /u/ sound for U u	*	*	*	*	*
say the /v/ sound for V v	*	*	*	*	*
say the /w/ sound for W w	*	*	*	*	*
say the /ks/ sound for X x	*	*	*	*	*
say the /y/ sound for Y y	*	*	*	*	*
say the /z/ sound for Z z	*	*	*	*	*
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
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Australian Curriculum Alignment

Learning Area	Strand	Year Level	Content Description (summary)
English	Phonics and Word Knowledge	Foundation	Recognise the letters S-Z and say their most common sounds (WS1-WS4)
English	Phonics and Word Knowledge	Foundation	Hear the first sound in a spoken word (WS5)
English	Handwriting	Foundation	Form upper and lower case letters using guide lines (WS1-WS4)
English	Phonics and Word Knowledge	Foundation	Recognise all 26 letters of the alphabet (WS6)
Health and PE	Moving Our Body	Foundation	Move the body in different ways to match each letter (WS1-WS4)
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 S-Z Lessons

#	Lesson
1	S says /s/ like snake.
2	T says /t/ like turtle.
3	U says /u/ like umbrella.
4	V says /v/ like violin.
5	W says /w/ like whale.
6	X often says /ks/ at the end of words, like fox and box.
7	Y says /y/ like yarn.
8	Z says /z/ like zebra.
9	Every letter has a big (upper case) and small (lower case) shape.
10	We can hear the first sound in a word.
11	Moving our bodies helps us remember sounds.
12	There are 26 letters in the alphabet.
13	Letters join together to make words.
14	Practising a little every day makes us stronger readers.
15	Knowing all the letters is the start of reading on your own.
16	'Your adventures are only beginning.'

Answer Keys and Discussion Guidance

WS1-WS4 -- Letter Pages
Model correct letter formation: start at the top. Lower case y drops below the line. Accept any drawing that starts with the sound (e.g. S: sun, sock; T: tiger, tent; U: up, under; V: van, vet; W: web, worm; Y: yo-yo, yak; Z: zip, zoo).

WS5 -- Picture Match (Answers)
Match: S-snake, T-turtle, U-umbrella, V-violin, W-whale, X-x-ray, Y-yarn, Z-zebra. First letters: sun s, tiger t, up u, van v, web w, yo-yo y, zip z.

Phonics Note
X is tricky: x-ray begins with the letter NAME ('ex'). In early phonics, X is best taught as /ks/ at the end of words (fox, box, six), so WS3 does this, with x-ray as a fun action word.

WS6 -- Whole Alphabet
There are no correct scores. Celebrate every letter coloured, and revisit A-R with the earlier packs.

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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)	Sing the alphabet song while pointing to each letter in WS6.	Write a short word for each letter, such as sun, top, up, van, wet, box, yes, zip.

7 Discussion Questions

1. Which letter from S to Z is your favourite?
2. Can you hiss like the snake and say /s/?
3. What could you see in an x-ray?
4. What could you make with yarn?
5. Can you walk in zig-zags like the zebra?
6. Which letter from S to Z is in your name?
7. Now that you know every letter, what would you like to read?

Classroom Display Ideas

Alphabet Sky: A full A-Z alphabet across the classroom sky, with picture words.

Action Cards: Cards showing each action: hiss, tiptoe, umbrella arms, violin, splash, zig-zag.

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

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

End of Word X: A small poster: fox, box, six, mix.

We Are Readers!: A celebration wall of finished WS6 alphabets.

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