

# Letters and Sounds: a to z

Match the letters, trace them, and listen for the first sound in each word.

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**Learning objective:** I can recognise letters and say the sound each one makes.

✓ I can match capital and lower-case letters ✓ I can form letters correctly ✓ I can hear the first sound in a word

**1 Big and small letters** Draw a line from each capital letter to its lower-case letter.

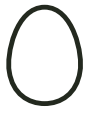
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | D | E | G | H | M | R | S | T |
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| • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| t | d | s | h | b | a | e | r | m | g |

**2 Trace the letters** Start at the top. Trace each letter, then write some of your own.

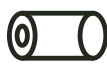
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | a | a | a | a | a | a |
| c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| d | d | d | d | d | d | d |
| g | g | g | g | g | g | g |
| o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| s | s | s | s | s | s | s |

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**3 What sound does it start with?** Say the word for each picture. Circle the first sound.

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| <br>s a t | <br>m b p | <br>c d o | <br>a e i |
| <br>t f s | <br>n h m | <br>l k t | <br>s f z |

**4 Write the first letter** Say the word. Write the letter for its first sound in the box.

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**5 Letter hunt** Find every letter **s** and colour it in. How many did you find?

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| s | a | m | s | t | p | s | i | n |
| s | o | s | m | a | t | s | d | s |

I found

**Adult tip:** say the letter's **sound**, not its name – “mmm” for m, not “em”. Little and often works best: one row a day is plenty.

## Answer Key

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| Question                         | Answers                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1 Big and small letters          | A - a; B - b; D - d; E - e; G - g; H - h; M - m; R - r; S - s; T - t                                                                       |
| 2 Trace the letters              | Check each letter starts in the right place and sits on the line. a, c, d, g, o and s all start with the same anticlockwise curve.         |
| 3 What sound does it start with? | apple - <b>a</b> ; bus - <b>b</b> ; cat - <b>c</b> ; egg - <b>e</b> ; fish - <b>f</b> ; hat - <b>h</b> ; kite - <b>k</b> ; sun - <b>s</b>  |
| 4 Write the first letter         | pig - <b>p</b> ; jug - <b>j</b> ; van - <b>v</b> ; web - <b>w</b> ; umbrella - <b>u</b> ; net - <b>n</b> ; map - <b>m</b> ; log - <b>l</b> |
| 5 Letter hunt                    | There are <b>7</b> letter s's to colour.                                                                                                   |

**Teaching note:** the letters and example words match the Letter & Sound Explorer app. Most phonics programmes teach s, a, t, p, i, n first, so start there if a child is unsure. Accept any recognisable picture names for the first-sound activities, as long as the sound matches.