

Notes for Parents

The Jolly Phonics Activity Books are designed as a fun and multi-sensory way to help young children become familiar with letter sounds and to begin reading and writing. Research shows that children who start school knowing all their letter sounds learn to read faster. These activity books can be used with the Jolly Stories and the Jolly Songs. Each sound is introduced with a short story for you to read to your child. Each sound is also accompanied by an action, which your child can do to help them remember the sound.

Letter Sounds

The sounds are grouped in the following way and should be learned in this order:

Book 1: s, a, t, i, p, n

Book 2: ck, e, h, r, m, d

Book 3: g, o, u, l, f, b

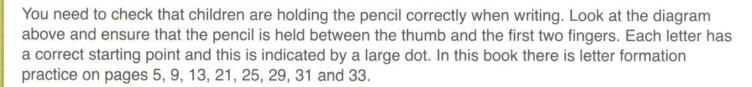
Book 4: ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or

Book 5: z, w, ng, v, 00, 00

Book 6: y, x, ch, sh, th, th

Book 7: qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

Letter Formation



Blending for Reading

Once a group of sounds has been learned, children can start to look at letters, say the sounds and try to blend them together to make the word. Help your child develop this blending skill by pointing to each letter in a word, and saying its sound, for example, 's-u-n'. Once your child can hear the word when it is sounded out, they are ready to say the sounds themselves. Blending needs practice and can start as soon as the first group of sounds has been learned. In this book there is blending practice on pages 34 and 35.

Identifying Sounds for Writing

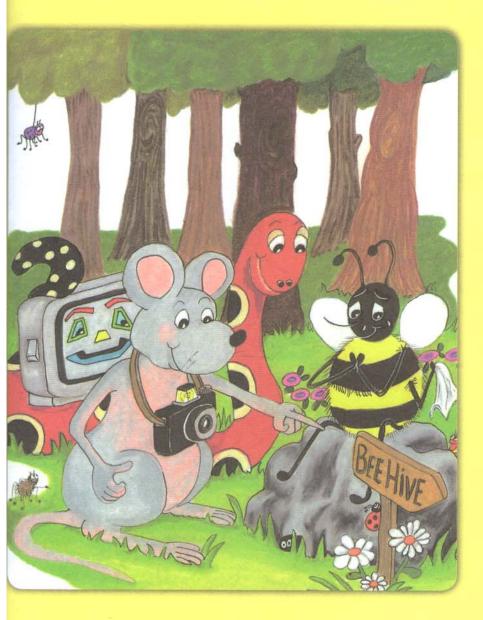
Your child will need to identify the sounds in a word so as to be able to write that word. The first sound is easiest but your child will need to pick out the others too. Practice for this is on pages 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 27, 29 and 30.

Tips for Parents



The lightbulb icon shows where to look for helpful tips and advice on how to use the activity books with your child. Sometimes there are suggestions for further activities you may want to try.

The Story Begins



Inky Mouse is taking pictures for a sound scrapbook she is making to help her friends learn to read.

One day she is out in the Vowel Forest with her camera when she finds Bee crying. Bee is sad because she has lost her way home. She cannot read the sign saying Bee Hive.

Inky offers to teach her to read. This makes Bee happy and they set off looking for something beginning with a 's' sound. Bee knows the very thing...

What do you think Inky is photographing?

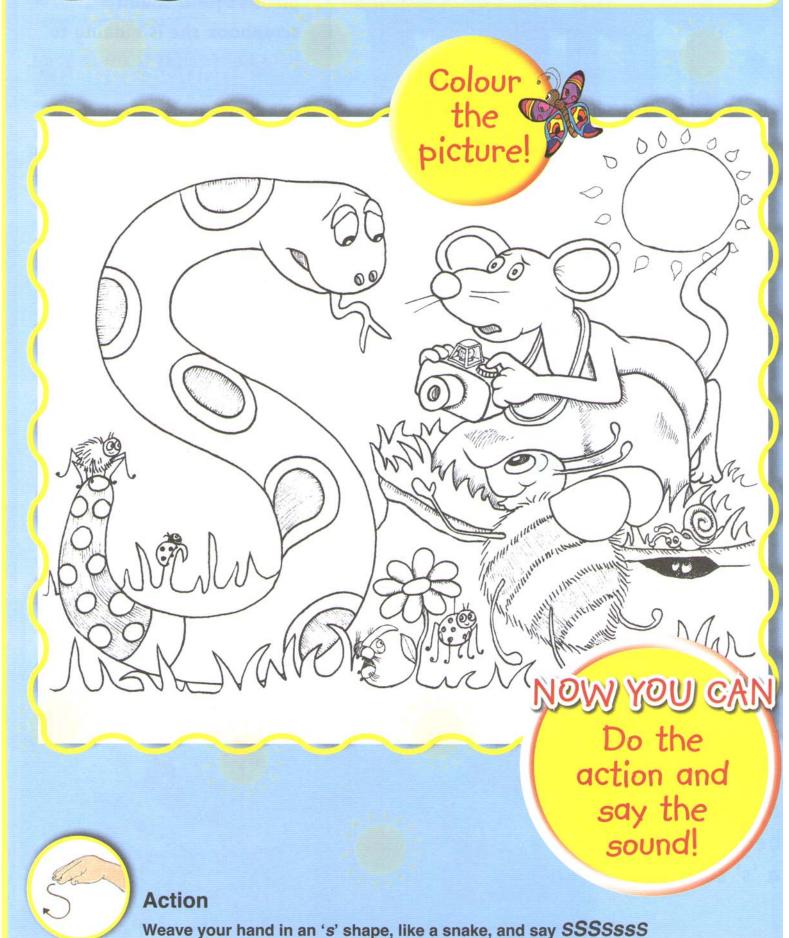
Can you think of something beginning with a 's' sound?



SS

Snake is curled up, asleep, in the sun. CLICK!

Someone has taken his picture. Snake stands up and hisses "ssssssssss". Inky is very frightened, but Bee tells Snake off. Bee tells Snake that Inky Mouse is taking pictures of things for a book she is making. Inky has promised to teach Bee to read. Snake asks if Inky will teach him to read too.



Which of these things begin with the sound 's'?

Join them to the letter 's'.



NOW YOU CAN
Write the letter.
Start at the top!
Try different
colours!











Inky says,
"Hold your
pencil
correctly!"



Seedy Sounds

1



Take four or five pieces of paper towel.

3



Put the pieces onto a plate.

2



Cut them into an 's' shape.

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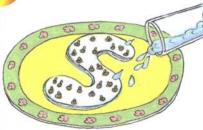


Pour water onto the 's' so it is very wet.



Sprinkle cress seeds onto the 's'. Try to keep the seeds only on the 's' shape.

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Keep the towel wet by pouring water onto the plate when it looks dry.

7



When the cress has grown, snip it off and eat it. You could add it to an egg sandwich or salad.



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Use grass seed or mung beans if you don't have cress seed





Sticker Activity

Put your stickers on the 's'.



Tips for Parents

You could make a sound scrapbook to help your child learn the letter sounds. Cut out and stick pictures from magazines that start with the same sound or feature the sound in the word.

Aa

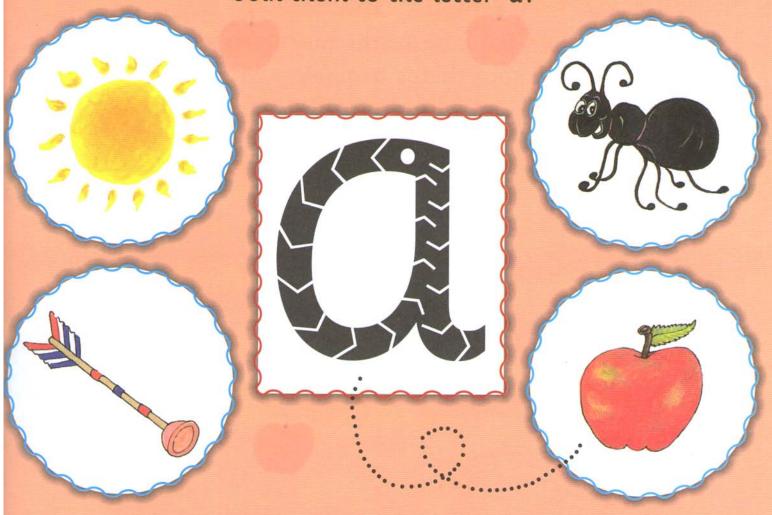
Snake tells Inky and Bee that he knows where to find some ants for Inky's next picture. He takes them to an anthill. The ants are all out collecting food from a picnic a family is having nearby - jam sandwiches and apples. Suddenly the little girl jumps up shouting, "a, a, a ants! There are ants crawling up my arm!"



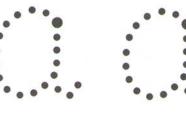
Wiggle your fingers above the elbow, as if ants are crawling on you, and say *a*, *a*, *a*, *a*!

Which of these things begin with the sound 'a'?

Join them to the letter 'a'.

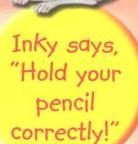


NOW YOU CAN
Write the letter.
Start at the top!
Try different
colours!

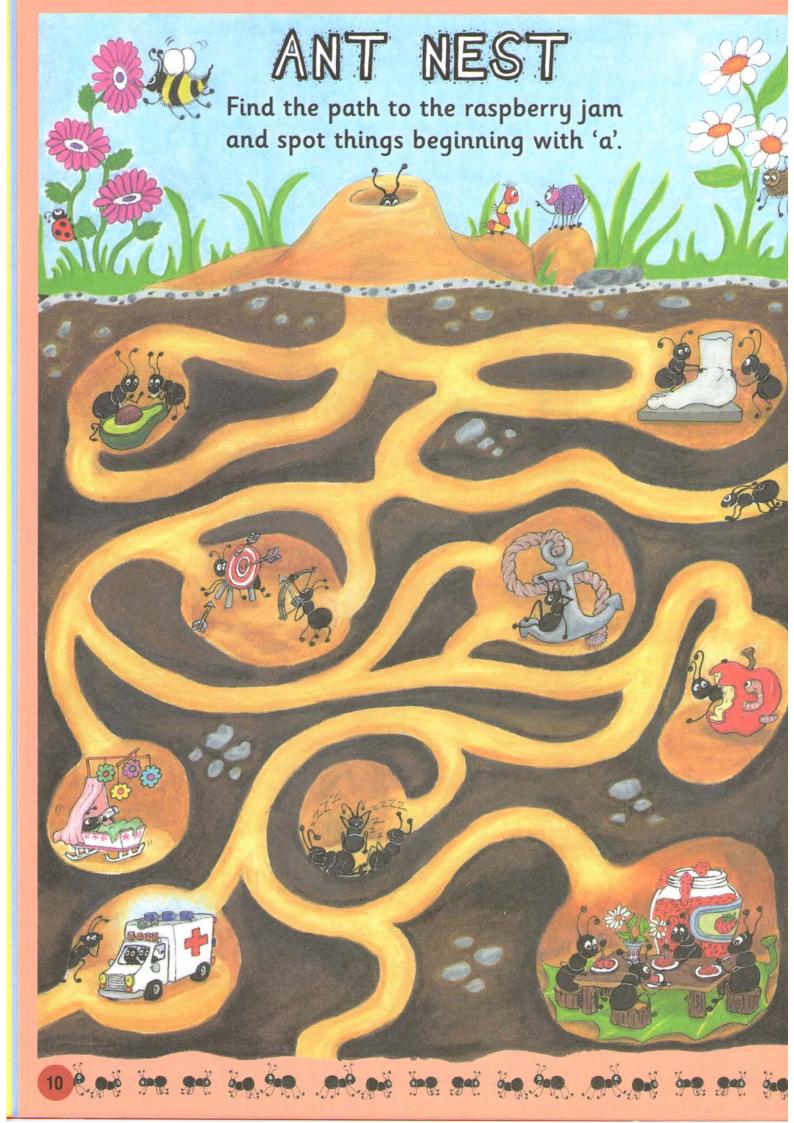




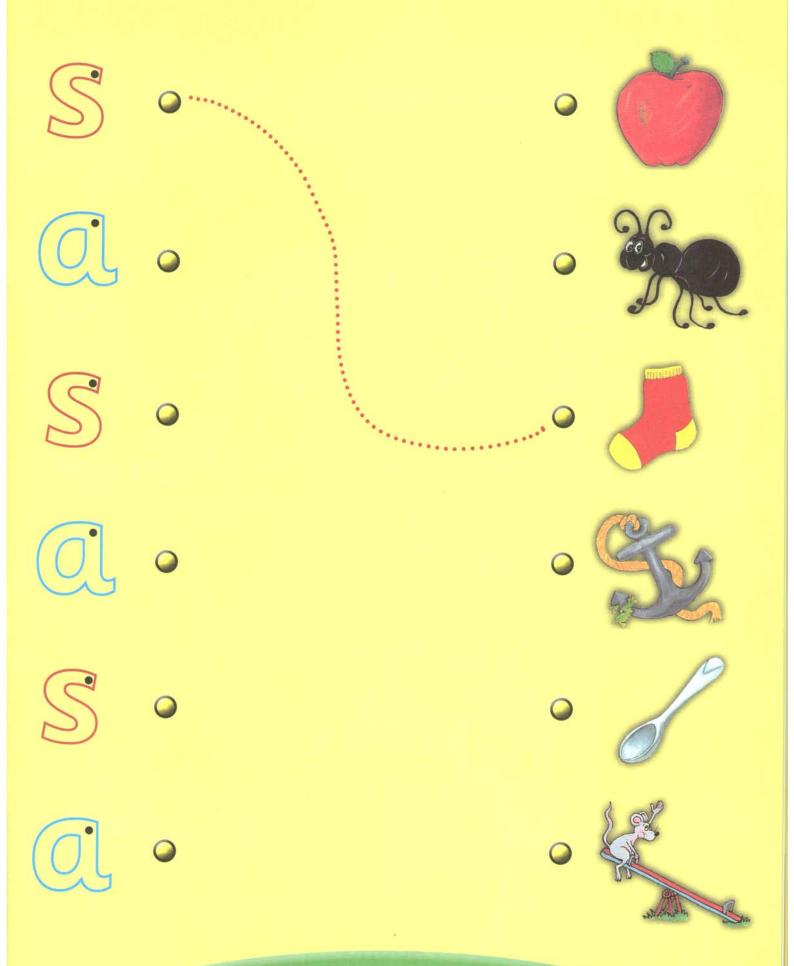




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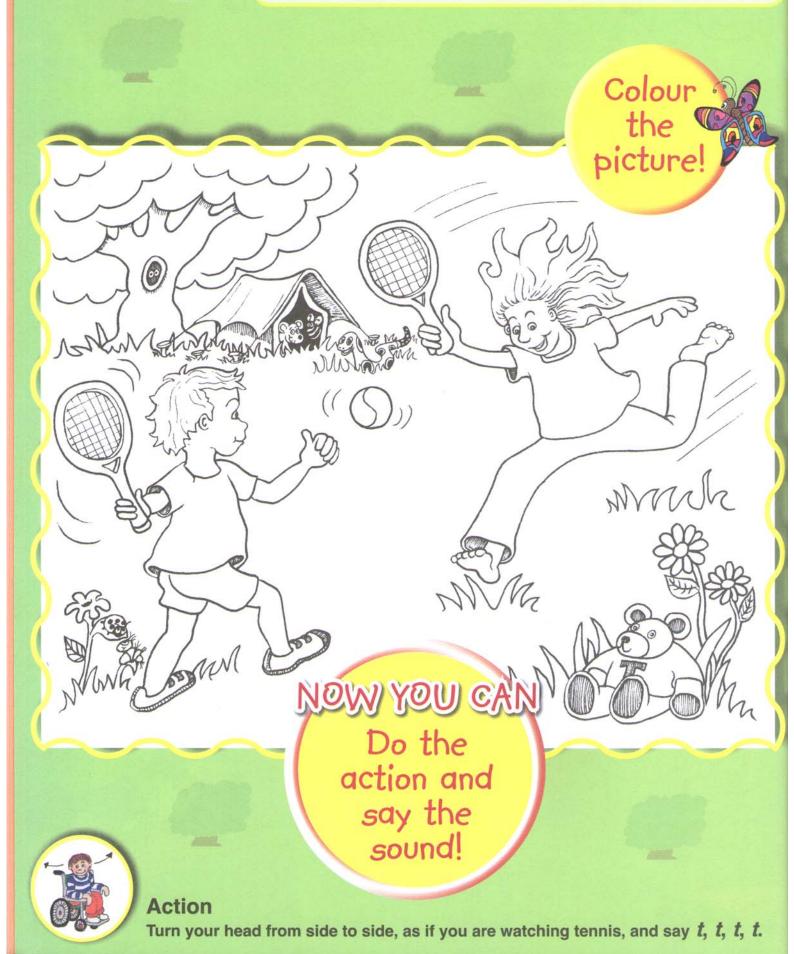


Match the Sound to the Picture





While they are standing talking to the ants, Snake suddenly calls, "Watch out!" A tennis ball lands, just missing them all. Some children are playing tennis nearby. The animals watch as the children hit the ball to each other - 't, t, t, t'. CLICK! Inky takes another picture.



Which of these things begin with the sound 't'?

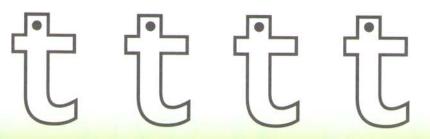
Join them to the letter 't'.



NOW YOU CAN

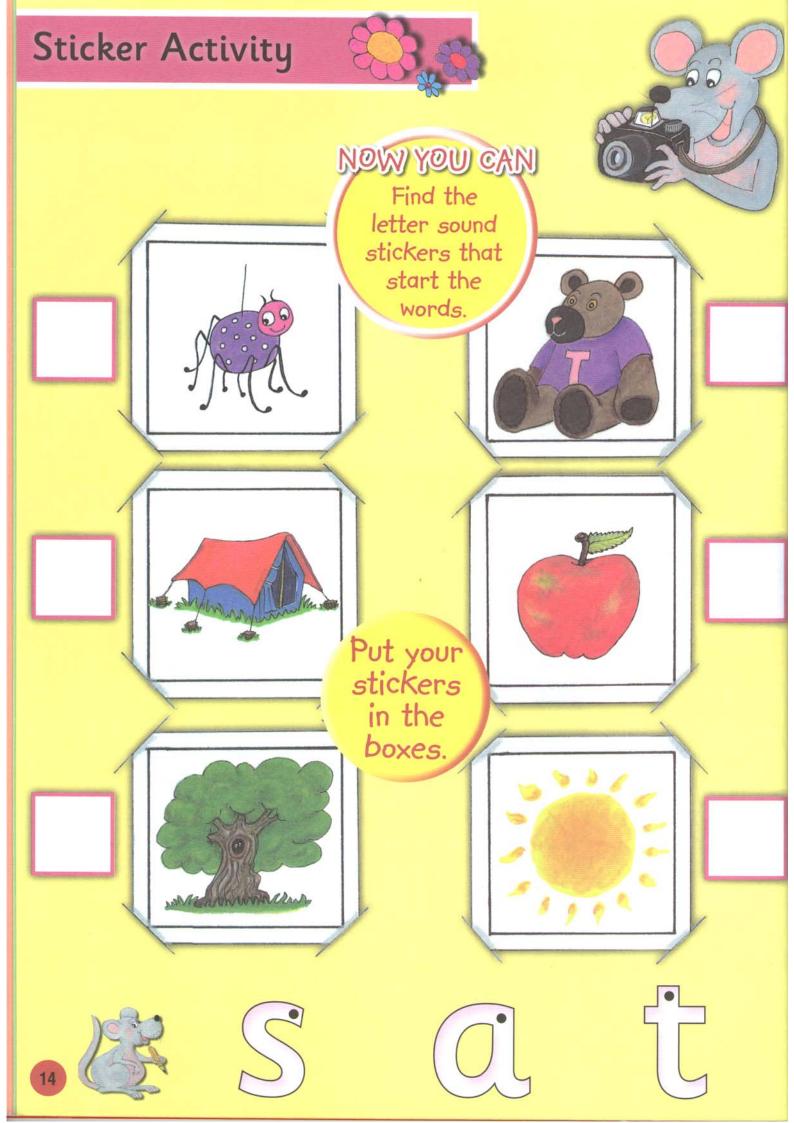
Write the letter.
Start at the top!
Try different
colours!







Inky says,
"Start the
't' at the
dot on the
top!"







Sticker Activity

NOW YOU CAN

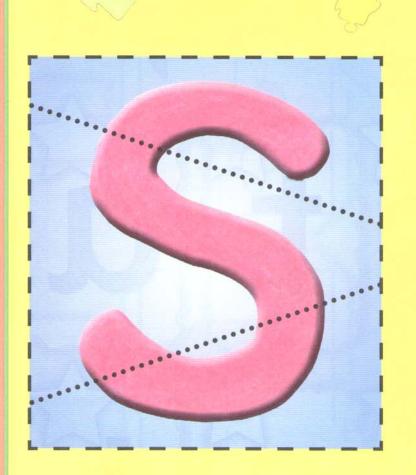
Put a blue star on each 't'
Put a green star on each 's'
Put a red star on each 'a'

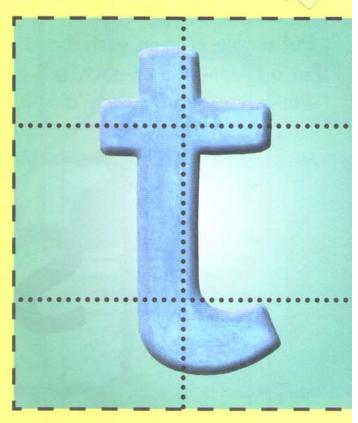
Find the letter that is the same as the one on the left and colour to match.



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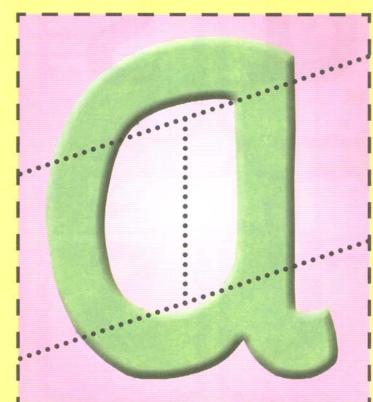














Cut out the letters and put them back together again!







NOW YOU CAN

Find the letter sound stickers that start the words.



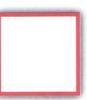
Sticker Activity

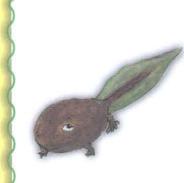
Put your stickers in the boxes.





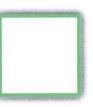


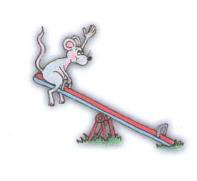
















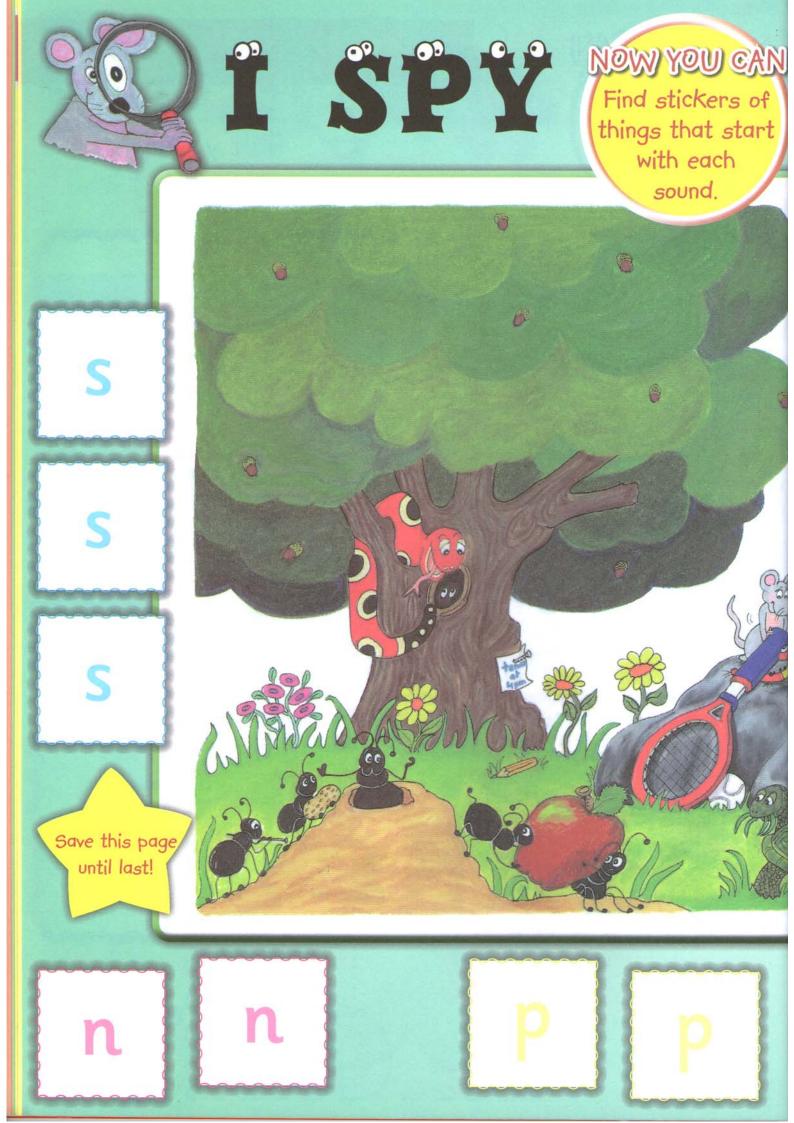








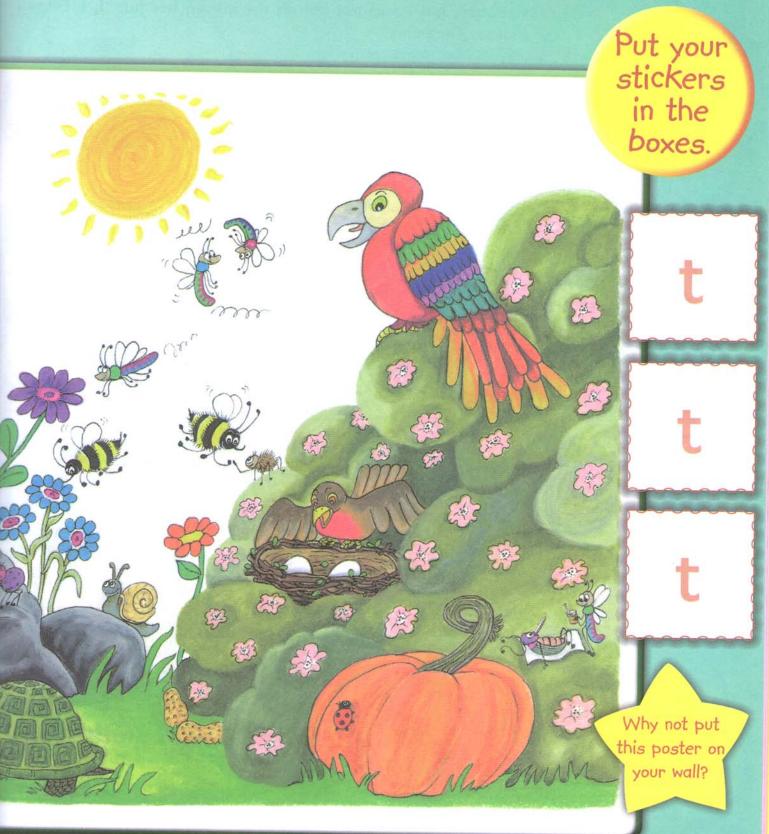




Come back to this page when you have looked at all the sounds in this book.



Sticker Activity



i

a

a

Ii

Inky is taking a picture of herself. She got her name when she knocked over a bottle of ink while being chased by a cat. The ink went everywhere, especially all over Inky. Inky scrubbed and scrubbed, but could not get all the ink off her fur. "i, i, i, Inky Mouse. That's me!"





INKY DRINTS

NOW YOU CAN
Fill in the "i" with
inky fingerprints
or use paints.













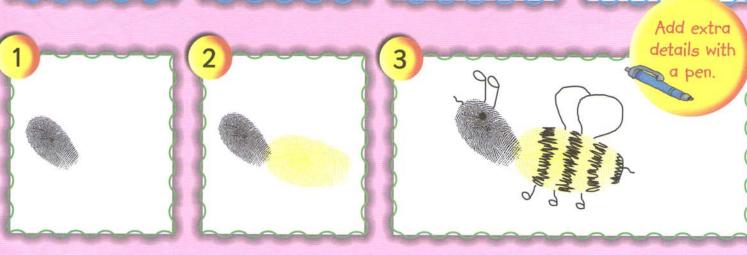
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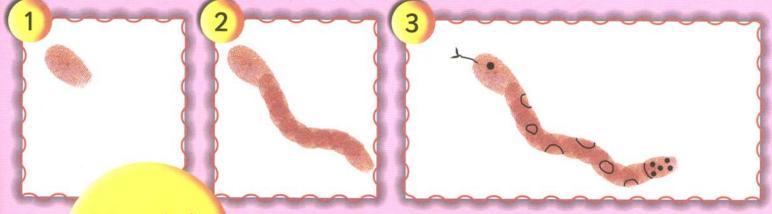
NOW YOU CAN

Use your
fingerprints to
make pictures.

whose inky prints are these?







Use ink or paint!



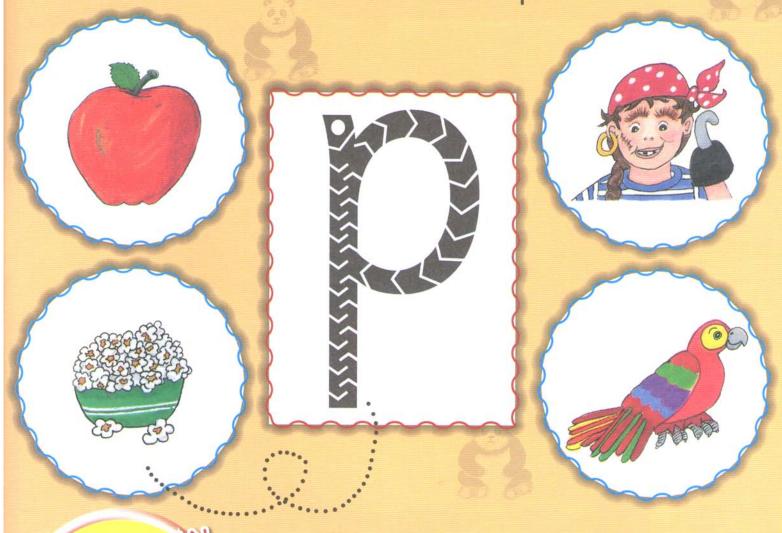


Inky, Snake and Bee go inside the big house where Inky lives. Jess is having her birthday party. The animals peer round the pile of presents and watch Jess take a big breath and - p p p puff - she puffs the candles out on her big pink cake. Colour picture! NOW YOU CAN The state of the s Do the action and say the sound! Action

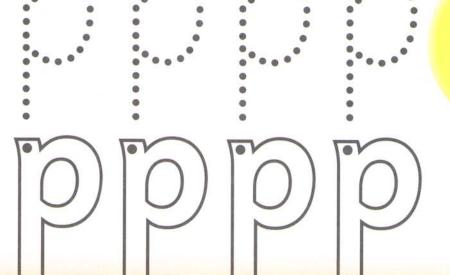
Hold up your finger, as if it is a candle, and pretend to puff it out, saying p, p, p, p.

Which of these things begin with the sound 'p'?

Join them to the letter 'p'.



NOW YOU CAN
Write the letter.
Start at the top!
Try different
colours!





Inky says,
"Hold your
pencil
correctly!"

Sticker Activity



New you can Find stickers that show things beginning with the sound 'p'.



Put your stickers on the 'p'.





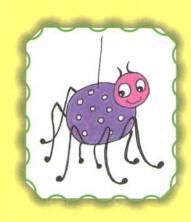




Sticker Activity

Stick a star onto the picture that begins with the sound on the left.















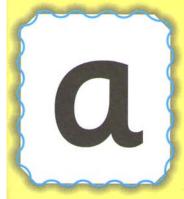






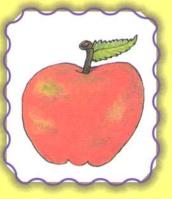






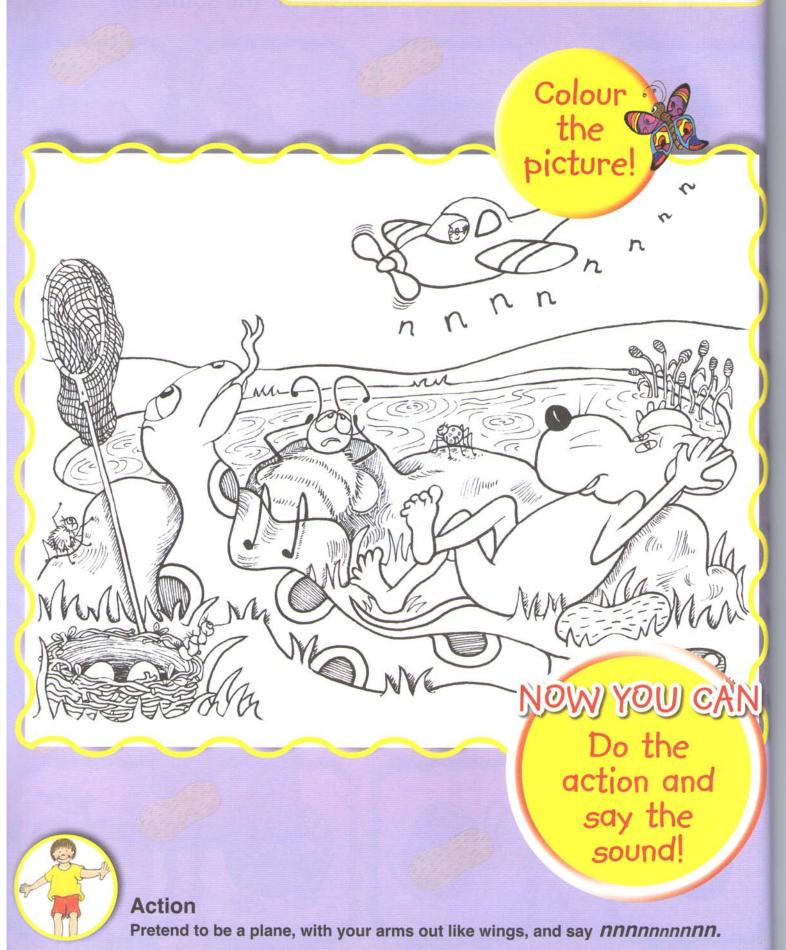






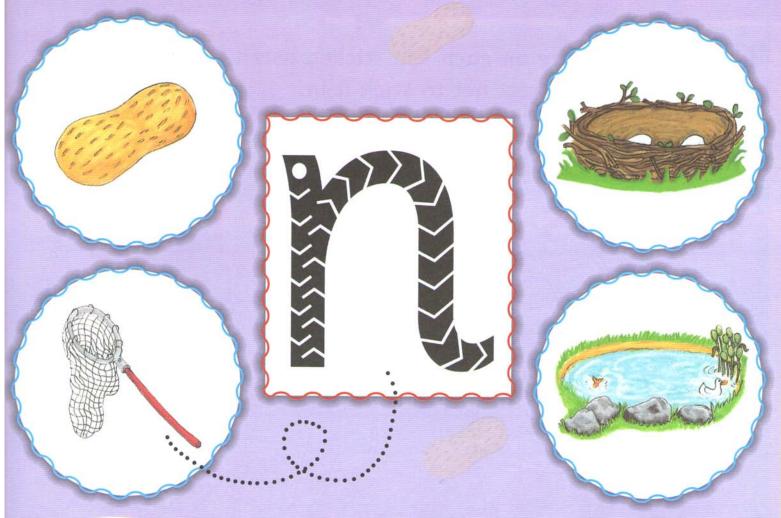
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Later that night, Bee, Inky and Snake were nestled down amongst some rocks near the big pond, playing I-Spy. Suddenly, there was a loud and nasty noise - nnnnnnn. A plane was flying overhead. Round and round it flew. "Definitely time for bed," said Snake, yawning. "Goodnight. See you both in the morning!" called Inky.



Which of these things begin with the sound 'n'?

Join them to the letter 'n'.



NOW YOU CAN
Write the letter.
Start at the top!
Try different
colours!





Inky says,
"Remember
to start at
the dot!"

MMM

Sticker Activity

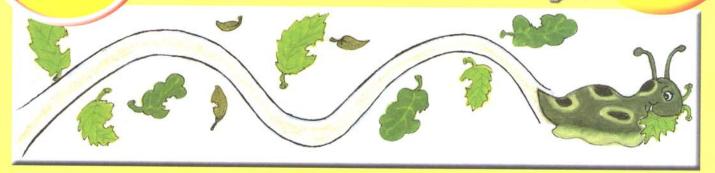


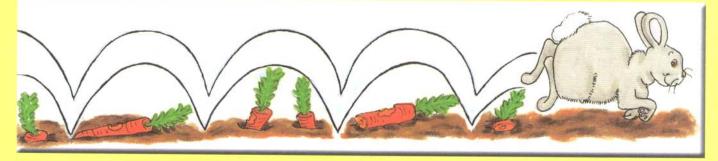
Look at the picture on each fish sticker, listen to the first sound and choose the correct net to stick it in.

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Follow the
trails with
your pencil.

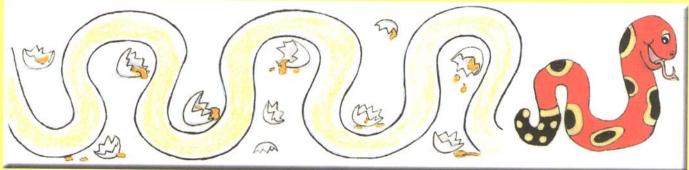
Pencil Trails

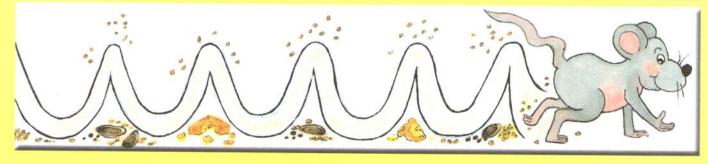
Inky says, "Hold your pencil correctly!"













Tips for Parents

Sound Cards

How to use these cards

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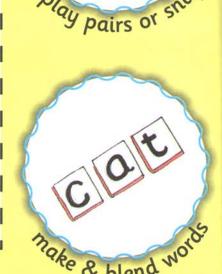
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Tips for Parents

Cut out each card and use them in the ways suggested. Keep them and add them to the sound cards in the other activity books.

Practise Writing the Letters

Start on the dot and try to stay inside the lines!



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S	S	S	S	S
		F		

Word and Picture Matching

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Join the words
to the pictures
or cut out and
match.





ant





sit



pan





I Can Read!



Colour each box when you can read the word.

in	tap	tin	
nap	pin	sap	
it	snap	sit	
at	pit	sat	
an	pip	ant	
sip	pant	nip	
pan	snip	pat	
nit	spin	spit	



Tips for Parents





































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