



# Letter Sound Trays

Skill: Letter Sounds



<u>What you need</u>	<u>Who can play</u>
Plate, pie pan, or cookie sheet Sand, rice, sugar, salt, or other powdery material <i>Optional:</i> pictures of familiar objects cut out of magazines	Child and adult / older sibling

## What you do

This activity adds the element of *touch* to learning letter sounds by having children write letters in addition to saying the letter sounds out loud.

1. Have your child choose a picture. If you aren't using pictures, choose something in the room around you, or simply name any object.
2. Have your child say the first sound they hear in the name of that picture or object. Tell them the first sound if they cannot figure it out.
3. Have your child write the letter that makes that sound in the sand with their finger. For example, if they choose a picture of a *car*, they should say the sound /c/ and write the letter 'c' in the tray.
4. Your child can then lightly shake their tray to erase the letter. Repeat with other pictures or objects.

## Other ways to play

1. Think of an object you see nearby, write the letter for the first sound in that object's name, and have your child say the sound and guess the object.
2. Name friends or members of your family that your child knows. Have your child say the first sound they hear in those names and then write the letters for those sounds.

## Taking it further

1. Have your child write the letter for the sound they hear at the end of the words.
2. Have your child write as many of the letters in the name of each object as they can "sound out" or as many as they already know.