

“S” Unit Fricatives

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Child-Friendly “S” Words

Initial

celery
center
cereal
circle
circus
sack
sad
sailboat
salad
salt
same
sand
sandals
sandwich
Santa
Saturday
say/said
scare
scarf
scary
school
scissors
sea
seahorse
seal
second
see/saw
seesaw
seed
seven
sick
side
sidewalk
silly
sing/sang
sink
sister
sit/sat
six
skate
skin
sky
sled
sleep
sleepy
slide
slippers

slow
smell
smile
snack
sneakers
snow
snowman
so
soap
sock
soda
sofa
soft
some
something
sorry
sound
soup
sour
spaghetti
spill
splash
spoon
squirrel
stairs
stand
star
stay
stick
sticky
stink
stinky
stone
stop
store
story
stove
strawberry
street
stroller
suit
summer
sun
Sunday
surprise
sweater
sweep
sweet
swim

swing
syrup

Medial

applesauce
asleep
awesome
baby sitter
baseball
basement
basket
bathing suit
beside
bicycle
bracelet
breakfast
castle
closer
dancing
dinosaur
disappear
dressing
eraser
fast
faucet
first
gas station
glasses
grass-hopper
grocery
guessing
hospital
ice cream
icing
inside
just
kissing
last
listen
lost
medicine
messy
missing
motorcycle
mustard
myself
next
outside

pencil
person
policeman
popsicle
pretzel
princess
rest
rooster
taste
thirsty
toast
tricycle
whistle
yesterday
yourself

Final

blouse
boots
box
bus
caboose
cactus
carrots
Christmas
class
dance
dice
dress
enormous
face
fence
fix
fox
geese
glass
goose
grapes
grass
guess
horse
house
ice
juice
kiss
Kleenex
less
lettuce
lips

mess
mice
miss
moose
mouse
necklace
nice
nurse
nuts
octopus
pants
piece
police
prince
promise
purse
race
rice
thermos
this
tights
toss
twice
underpants
us
vase
voice
yes

Daily Routines

Moving through the day

- Have a **race** with a toy **bus, bicycle, tricycle, caboose** or **motorcycle**. Who came in **first, last**?
- **Slide** down the **slide**.
- **Sing** a **silly song, whistle** a happy tune, and **dance** around the room.
- **Sit** down for **circle** time in your **class** at **school**.

Getting dressed

- Wash your **face** and hands with **soap**. Now your **skin** feels **soft**.
- Can you **dress yourself**? Pick out **sandals, sneakers, soft slippers** or **boots** with your **striped socks**. **Next**, you can choose **tights, a nice blouse, a soft sweater** and **spotted pants**. Do you need a **scarf, your sister’s necklace, your bracelet** and a **purse**? Oh! You look **awesome!**
- Change the baby’s diaper. **It’s stinky!**

Kitchen capers

- What do you want for **breakfast**? Do you want **pancakes** with **sticky syrup**, a bowl of **strawberries, grapes, toast, cereal** or **applesauce**? The **grapes taste sweet**, not **sour!**
- **Let’s** have a **snack**. Do you want a **popsicle, ice cream, pretzels, carrots, celery** or **nuts**?
- Are you **thirsty**? **Let’s** pour **soda** or **juice** in a **glass** filled with ice.
- **It’s** time for lunch. **Let’s** make a **sandwich** with **lots of lettuce** and **mustard** on it.
- I **smell something** yummy on the **stove**. Is it **soup** or **spaghetti**? Can I have **seconds**? **Spaghetti** is **messy**.
- **Let’s** **set** the table. Don’t forget your **spoon** and fork. **Sit** down and remember to eat **slowly**, not **fast**. **Pass** the **salt**, please.
- **Let’s** put the **plates, spoons** and **glasses** in the **sink**. Turn on the **faucet**.

Each day, every day

- **Listen** to all the **sounds outside**.
- **Surprise** Mommy and Daddy with an **enormous kiss** on the **lips** or **face!**
- **Say** you’re **sorry** when you do **something** wrong or make a **mistake**.
- **Sit** on the **sofa** to **listen** to your favorite **story**.
- **Say** your prayers. **Sleep** tight and **sweet** dreams.

Activities

- **What's in the Chatterbox?** Put **something** in a **box** and **describe** it for **someone** (sister or other person). They have to **guess** what it is. Now, **it's** your turn to **guess**. **Surprise!**
- **What's the Same?** **See** who can find the **most** things **inside** your bedroom that are the **same** in **60 seconds**. Don't **miss** anything.
- **What's Missing?** Put **several** things on the table and take one away while everyone hides their eyes. Be the **first** one to **guess what's missing** and you get a point.
- Look for **six** or **seven** of **something**.
- **It's summer!** Have fun in the **sun**. **Let's go swimming**. Put on your bathing **suit**.
- Have a **race** with toy animals in the **grass**. Use a **horse, fox, moose, mouse, rooster, goose, grasshopper, squirrel, or dinosaur**. Who was **slow, fast?**
- Make **sailboats** out of **walnuts** (shell halves). **Sail** them in the **sea** (bathtub). Put in a **seal, an octopus** or a **seahorse**. Make it **swim** and **splash** around, but don't **spill** water on the floor!
- Go to a park or playground. Go on the **seesaw, slide** and **swing**, or play in the **sand**.
- Look at the **stars** in the **sky** before going to **sleep**.

Games and Toys

- Duck, Duck, **Goose** Game (Wee Sing 6)
- **Simon Says** Game (Wee Sing 6)
- Cat and **Mouse** game by Ravensburger
- **Sleepy Princess** and the Pea game by Haba Toys
- **Stone Soup** game by Game Wright
- Go Away **Monster** game by Gamewright
- **Swinging Snakes** by Parker Brothers

Songs, Rhymes or Fingerplays

- Shake Your Sillies Out (Raffi)
- Pussy-Cat, Pussy-Cat (Wee Sing 2)
- Three Blind Mice (Wee Sing 4)
- Eentsy, Weentsy Spider (Wee Sing 7, 9)

Book: Silly Sally

Written and Illustrated by Audrey Wood

Follow Silly Sally as she goes to town walking backwards, upside down. On her way she meets a silly pig, a silly dog, a silly loon, and a silly sheep. They all join Silly Sally in her nonsensical journey to town. The group meets up with Neddy Buttercup who is walking forwards and right side up, but not for long!

Building communication with this book

- **Prepositions** to, backwards, upside down, forwards, right side up
- **Adjectives** silly
- **Present tense verbs** walking, dancing, leaping, singing
- **Irregular past tense verbs** went, met, sang, fell asleep, woke
- **Regular past tense verbs** danced, tickled, played

- **Rhyming** town/upside down; dog/leapfrog; pig/jig; loon/tune; sheep/sleep; Buttercup/right side up
- **Auditory memory for sequencing**

Conversational phrases for this book

- **Silly Sally** went to town, walking/**dancing/leaping/singing** backwards, **upside** down.
- **Sally** is **sooo silly!**
- **Sally** met a **silly pig/dog/loon/sheep**.
- The pig is **so messy!**
- The pig **danced** a jig.
- The dog is **smiling**. He **likes** playing leapfrog.
- The loon **sang** a tune. He **sounds silly**.
- They fell **asleep**. Shh, **let's** be quiet.
- Why did they fall **asleep**? They're **sleeping** in a **circle**. The loon is **sleeping** on **Sally's** feet. **That's silly!**
- How did **Sally** get to town, **sleeping** backwards, **upside** down?
- Along came Neddy Buttercup, walking forwards, right **side** up.
- **Stop** tickling the pig/dog/loon/sheep/**Sally**, Neddy!
- **Sally** tickled Neddy Buttercup. **Stop** it **Sally!**
- The whole town is walking backwards, **upside** down.
- **This book** is **so silly!**

Props for this book

- Girl figure or doll
- Pig
- Dog
- Loon or duck
- Boy figure or doll
- Town (blocks that represent buildings in a town or a box decorated to look like a town)

Additional Books

- *Chicken Soup with Rice* by Maurice Sendak
- *Where's Spot?* by Eric Hill
- *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood
- *The Princess and the Pea*, any simple version
- *The Greedy Python* by Eric Carle
- *Mouse Mess* by Linnea Asplind Riley
- *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed the Sea* by Pam Adams
- *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* by Jane Yolen
- *Five Little Dinosaurs* by Will Grace
- *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown
- *Gossie & Gertie* by Olivier Dunrea

