

Stage I: Pre-reading

Initial Sound Practice:

Once the child has shown letter sound recognition for a group of letters (ex., s, m, a, t), we can practice by identifying initial sounds. Start by having your child match and identify objects and pictures in the household or outside, see examples below. Play games like “find 5 things in your room that start with the sound ‘c’.”



Initial Sound Matching “Red Boxes”:

Once your child is comfortable and exhibiting the ability to identify each of the sounds at the beginning of words, you can use these boxes as “testing” boxes.

If you would like to recreate this experience at home, we have included photographs of each lot the letter groups listed on the Letter Sound Recognition Check Sheet. You can

1. Print them and have your child cut out the letters and picture
2. Line the letters up and have you child tell you the sound that each letter makes
3. Have your child match the picture to the corresponding letter based on the initial sound

Or, to save ink

4. Gather objects from your house or find pictures in a magazine that begin with each letter sound
5. Write the letters, in lowercase, across the top of a piece of paper and have you child tell you the sound that each letter makes
6. Have your child match the objects or pictures that you gathered to the corresponding letter based on the initial sound



