

LETTER & SOUNDS STARS ACTIVITY CARDS

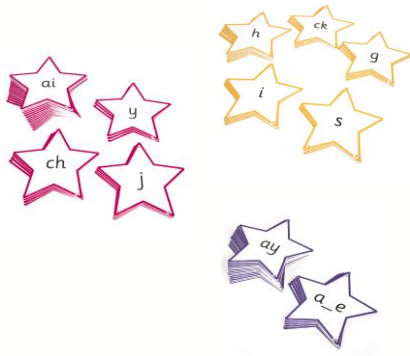
Our Letter & Sounds Stars lend themselves beautifully to outdoor learning.

Why not have the Sounds Stars freely available for activities within continuous provision to help consolidate phonics learning and motivate children to play with sounds in different ways.

Here are a few ideas that can be printed off, laminated and used with children.

Other ideas could include:

- Playdough Phonics
- Water and Sound Tray Treasure Hunts
- Spin and Rhyme Sound Game
- Letter Sound Race



If you have a brilliant idea that you would like to share with us, please get in touch.



Solar System Stars



Solar System Stars is a great way to learn sounds.

- Lay out the Sound Stars to create different pathways. These will be the stars that help you to navigate through the solar system.
- Your aim is to move from one star to another calling out the sounds as you pass them. Be careful not to say the wrong sound, or you might have to go back to the start and begin again!

If you would like an extra challenge:

- As you land near each star, call out words with that sound in for a partner to write down on a whiteboard. How many words can you collect? Time yourself and try to beat your time on another turn.



Sound Hunt

Before this activity you will need:

- A list of sounds you are working on from your teacher.
- To read *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

- Collect your list of sounds from your teacher.
- Look at your list and begin your sound hunt in 'Bear Hunt' style.

We're going on a sound hunt,
We're going to make lots of
words.

What a perfect day!
We're great at spelling.

Uh oh! What's that?
An 'ai'. Let's find the 'ai'.
Where is it?

(Go on your hunt to find the right phonics mat)
It's here! Now let's spell with it.

- When you have found the correct Sound Star, write as many real and nonsense words as you can with that sound.
- You could place your Sound Star in a tub or basket and collect items with that sound in too.



I Can Spell A Rainbow

- Set up the Sound Stars in a rainbow shape with a bucket for the gold at the end of the rainbow.
- Select letters and sounds from the rainbow and make words with the sound.
- Write words in rainbow colours on paper to put in your treasure pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.



*Red and yellow and pink and
green,
Purple and orange and blue.
I can spell a rainbow, Spell a
rainbow, Spell a rainbow with you.
Looking with your eyes,
Listen with your ears,
And spell everything you see.
I can spell a rainbow, Spell a
rainbow, Spell a rainbow with me.*



You will need:

- Letter & Sounds Stars
- A special bucket
- Strips of paper/card
- Coloured pencils/pens
- A clip board.

Sound Skittles



- Set up your skittles and attach a variety of different Letter & Sounds Stars to them.
- Throw a suitable, soft ball to try and knock over as many skittles as you can.
- You can score a point for every skittle you can knock down. Double your points, if you can name that sound.
- Add extra fun, with bonus points for each real or nonsense word that you can make using that sound.

You will need:

- Skittles or empty bottles to make skittles.
- Letter & Sounds Stars
- Balls suitable for knocking down the skittles.



Alien Planets



- Spread the Sound Stars around the space, making sure you can see them all clearly.
- Select a Star for your first alien planet by saying the phoneme and then running quickly to that star. Say an alien word and a real word with that sound. If correct collect that star for your alien planet.
- Take it in turns to visit other stars. Why not set a timer and see how many stars you can collect for your alien planet.
- Create your own planet with the stars you have collected. Write down the real and alien words you can make.
- At end of game zoom around all planets created and read the words made.



Phonics Treasure Hunt

- Ask a friend or adult to hide the Letter& Sounds Stars around your setting (indoors or outdoors). When they have finished, you can set off on a very special Phonics Treasure Hunt to find them!
- When you find a sound, write down the grapheme and use a sound button to record how you pronounce it. You could set a timer and see how many sounds you can find in, for example 5 minutes. When the time is up, try to write as many real and nonsense words as you can with the sounds you collected.
- The more words you make, the more treasure you have found!

You will need:

- Mini notebooks, clip boards and paper or white boards.
- Recordable sound buttons.



Crazy Golf Phonics



- Use the Sound Stars to set up a crazy golf game.
- Lay out the stars, with the sounds facing up.
- Play the course and say the sounds as your ball travels over each of the target stars.
- Why not try to hit the ball to pass over specific stars that will spell out a word?

You could create your very own Queen of Hearts Croquet Game!

Phonics Hopscotch



Hopscotch is a popular playground game. It is a game that you can play with other people or on your own.

- Place the Sound Stars on the layout of a hopscotch.
- You can then make up your own games and rules to play.
- For example, if you land on a number with one leg, you say the sound on the star. If you land with both feet down, you blend the sounds on the stars to make words.

Jumping Stars



- Spread out the Sound Stars in your setting – somewhere outdoors would be great for this activity!
- Choose one person to start by being the ‘caller’.
- Everyone else should run around the mats and create different pathways.
- When the caller shouts out “JUMPING STARS”. Everyone else must do star jumps next to a star whilst calling out their sound.
- The caller then chooses their favourite Jumping star sound and whoever is standing on that sound becomes the new caller and the game begins again.

There are lots of variations you could create for this game. Try creating your own ‘Jumping Stars’ challenge for others to try.



Scavenger Hunt

- Spread the Sound Stars out around your setting.
- Choose a Sound Star and go on a scavenger hunt to find items either inside or outside with that sound in.
- You could write, draw or collect items containing that sound.
- Which Sound Star has the most items? Were there any that were difficult to find items for?

You will need:

- A clip board
- Paper
- A pencil



Dancing Stars



Letter & Sounds Dance Stars

Set up the sound stars on the floor like a dance mat.

- Make up your own dance moves to music with your dance mat.
- Write down the sounds as a sequence for your steps.
- Can a friend follow your sequence and copy your dance?

Musical Statues

You could also play Musical Statues with the Sound Stars.

- Lay out the stars.
- When the music stops, you hop beside a Sound Star and stand as still as a statue.
- When the game master walks passed your statue, you say the sound of your star.