



Teacher Tip

NAME SOME /s/ WORDS Work collaboratively with students to brainstorm a list of words that begin with the /s/ sound. Write the words on the board or on a chart. Make sure you include in your list students' names that begin with S.

Alphabetic Principle 

ROUTINE

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Introducing the Sound of Ss

◆ Introduce the letter Ss sound using Routine 1, the introducing sounds and letters routine. Point to **Alphabet Sound Wall Card Ss**, and name the letter. Turn over the Ss card so students can see the picture. Point to the picture, and say *The sound of the letter Ss is /s/. The word sausages starts with the /s/ sound.*

◆ Raise the **Alphabet Sound Wall Card**, and say /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/. Tell students this short story will help them remember the /s/ sound for the letter Ss:

Sue buys sausages on Saturday.

Sam cooks sausages on Sunday.

The sausages sizzle /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/ /s/ when hot.

Sam eats sausages, but Sue does not.

◆ After you recite the story several times, emphasizing the initial /s/ sound, have students recite it aloud with you. Then review the name of the card and its letter and sound.



Alphabet Sound Wall Card 19

Listening for Initial /s/

◆ Give each student an **Alphabet Letter Card Ss**. Point to the picture on **Alphabet Sound Wall Card Ss**.

◆ Now tell students you will say a word and that they should listen for the first sound. If it is the /s/ sound, they should hold up the Ss cards when you give the signal. Try the following words:

see	sake	so	<i>make</i>	<i>meat</i>	sap
say	soak	<i>may</i>	<i>poke</i>	seal	seek
sigh	<i>pole</i>	<i>my</i>	sink	seat	<i>map</i>
sight	soap	<i>might</i>	sip	sail	seen

Linking the Sound to the Letter

Write *see* and *bee* on the board. Ask students *Which word says see? If you think it is this one (point to see), raise your hand. If you think it is this one (point to bee), raise your hand.* Ask someone to come up and point to the word and to circle the letter that makes the /s/ sound at the beginning of the word. Ask students how they know the correct word. *The first sound is /s/ and the letter is s.* Try these words:

fit ... <i>sit</i>	so ... no	sand ... hand
mix ... <i>six</i>	September ... November	same ... name

Technology

Use the **Alphabet Sound Card Stories CD** for practice with the /s/ sound.

Audio CD 