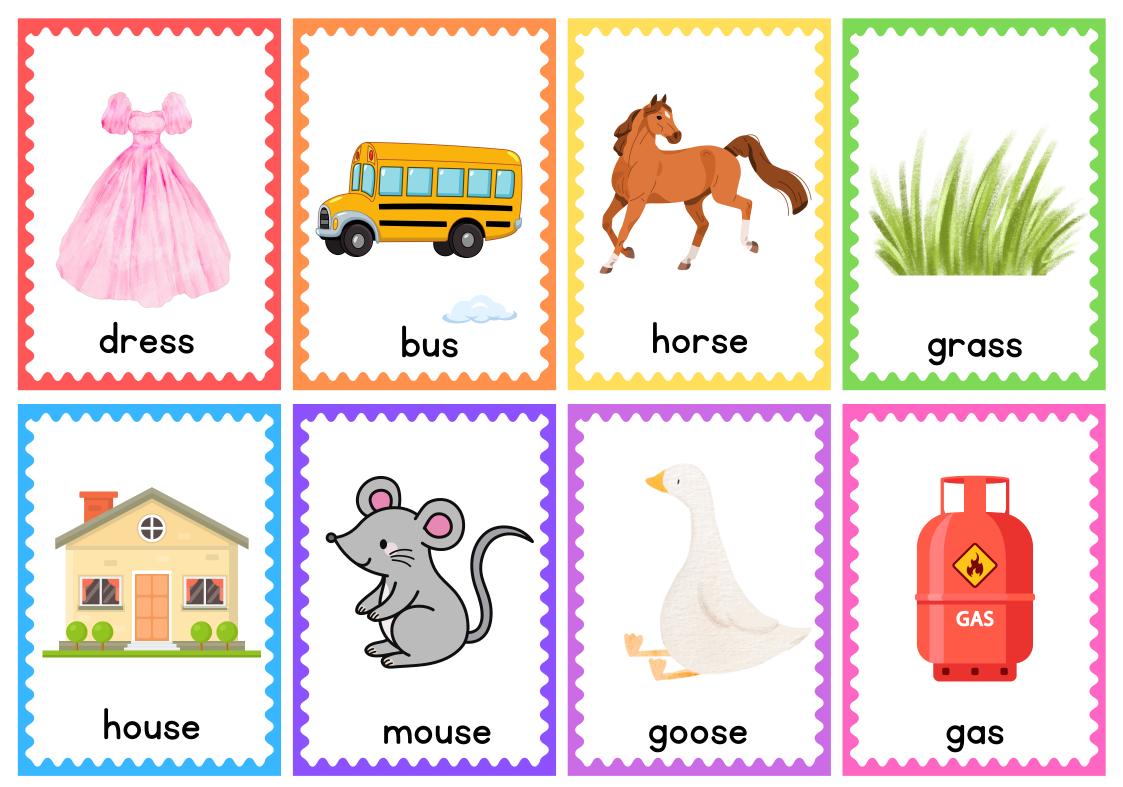


"s" sound in all positions









Some helpful times for practicing speech sounds!

Using flashcards and games is a fun, effective way to help children practice the /s/ sound. Here are some helpful tips to get the most out of your practice sessions:

- I. Keep it short and fun: Aim for 5–10 minute sessions. Short bursts of practice are often more effective (and enjoyable!) than longer periods!
- 2. Use turn-taking games: Take turns picking flashcards, saying the word, and doing something silly or fun (e.g., make a sound, do a dance move, roll a dice). This keeps children engaged and reinforces listening and social skills.
- 3. Model correct /s/ sounds clearly. Always say the word first as a clear model before expecting your child to repeat it. Emphasize the /s/ at the beginning or within the word if needed.
- 4. Use a mirror: Sometimes, letting a child see how their mouth moves while saying the /s/ sound can be very helpful. You can take turns saying the word while watching yourselves in a mirror.
- 5. Give lots of praise and encouragement: Celebrate effort, not just accuracy. Try phrases like "Great try!" or "I love how you used your snake sound!"
- 6. Build practice into everyday routines: Flashcards can be used on the go-bring a small set in the car, use them during snack time, or include them in a bedtime routine. Short and frequent practice throughout the day helps reinforce learning.
 - Make it interactive: Hide flashcards around the room for a scavenger hunt, match words to pictures or objects, or sort them by sound position (beginning, middle, or end).