

## Showcase Letter

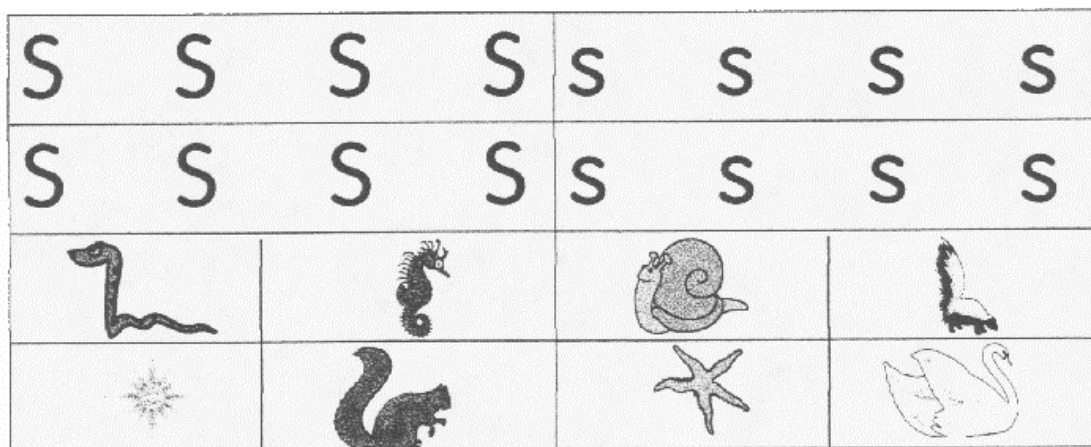
### What is "Showcase Letter" and why is it important?

Young children need to learn letters quickly so they have a variety of letters and sounds to work with as they learn how to read words and make sense of language. "Showcase Letter" (adapted from McCracken & McCracken, 1995) is an activity that helps your child recognize and write upper and lower case forms of letters. In addition, "Showcase Letter" also encourages your child to match letters with the corresponding sounds they make. This is a necessary step in learning to read.

### How can I use "Showcase Letter" with my child?

Have your child write the upper and lower case forms of a letter that he is learning on paper. Discuss special features of the letter with your child. You might guide him by saying, "The letter "s" looks like a snake to me. The upper case "S" looks like a large snake and the lower case "s" looks like a small snake. Does the letter "s" remind you of anything?"

Once your child has practiced making the upper and lower case forms of the letter and repeats the "s" sound, encourage him to draw a picture of a word that begins with the letter/sound you are practicing. You might remark, "I see that you are drawing a picture of a snake to go along with the letter "Ss." That is a good choice because snake does start with the 'sssss' sound." It is important to have your child practice writing the letter and repeating the "s" sound associated with it as often as possible. Following is an example of a completed "Showcase Letter" worksheet.





## Showcase Letter Worksheet

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## Showcase Letter Worksheet

**Day 1**

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**Day 2**

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