

New sound: t

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Lesson 9 of 92 (ages 3-6) / 3 of 86 (age 7+) · SATPIN · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /t/ when they see "t", and hear it in words like tap.

WHY IT MATTERS

Every letter sound is a building block. Once your child knows /t/, they can use it in every word it appears in: tap, tip, top.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "a", "s" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY

"What sound is this? And this one?"

2 min

Listen

Play /t/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY

"This is /t/. Watch my mouth: tongue touches behind top teeth, quick puff."

2 min

Show how

Show the letter "t" and the action: Turn your head side to side like watching tennis and say t-t-t. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY

"When I see t, I say /t/. tap: /t/ tap!"

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /t/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /t/ and tap its letters, then find where the sound is in a word.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY

"Can you show Grandma our new sound?"

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-t
- **Printable: SATPIN Order Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-satpin-order-chart
- **Read: Phonics Stages by Age: A Realistic Timeline from 2 to 7 Years Old**
phonicademy.com/blog/phonics-stages-by-age
- **The "t" sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/t
- **Read: SATPIN Order Chart (Free PDF): Which Letters First**
phonicademy.com/blog/phonics-order-which-letter-first
- **Game: Letter Trace**
phonicademy.com/play/letter-trace

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /t/	t, a, s	t	☐
2	Say /a/	a, t, s	a	☐
3	Say /s/	s, t, a	s	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

Adds "uh" to the sound (tuh).

-> Keep it short and clipped: whisper it. /t/, not tuh. Extra "uh" makes blending harder.

Mixes up /t/ and /d/.

-> Same tongue tap behind your teeth — /d/ just adds a buzz from your voice box.

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Ask your child to think of 5 words with the /t/ sound, and say where the sound is: start, middle or end.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /t/ when shown "t".
- ☐ Hears /t/ in a word you say (tap).
- ☐ Writes "t" starting in the right place.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____