

# Friendly sounds (consonant clusters)







s clusters

sters I clusters r clusters



Friendly sounds (consonant clusters) are consonants that go together in words.

s clusters e.g., smile, snake, spoon, star, spring, best

i clusters e.g., fly, play, blue, slide, glass, melt

r clusters e.g., fridge, present, bright, grass, crayon

Children usually learn to say many friendly sounds by 4 years of age.

Children sometimes leave out one of the sounds in a cluster as they are learning.

They might say: *mile* instead of *smile* 

side instead of slide tick instead of trick bet instead of best



Model friendly sounds when you are talking together.

Child: I want to go on the *side*.

You: You want to go on the *slide*? Let's go on the *slide*.

Praise your child for trying to say friendly sounds.

It's OK if your child doesn't say the sounds after you.



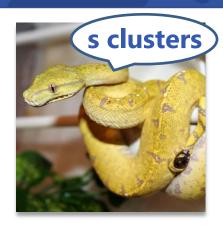
Talk about **fixing up friendly sounds** in words, and give your child an example in your own talking.

You: Let's *pay* with cars. Oops! I said *pay* and I meant *play*! I need to fix it up. Let's try to put our *pl* sound in *play*.

Don't practice mistakes. It is OK to wait until you see a speech pathologist.







#### **Stan Snake**

Some words start with two or three consonant sounds, known as consonant clusters.

s clusters: sm, sn, sl, sw, sp, st, sk, spr, scr, spl

**Easier words:** snow, sky, star, stop, slip

Harder words: spout, smartest, spray, splash, spring

### **Sing** with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

Incy wincy *spider* climbed up the water *spout*,

Down came the rain and washed the *spider* out.

Out came the sunshine, and dried up all the rain,

So incy wincy *spider* climbed up the *spout* again.

Twinkle twinkle little *star*,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the *sky*.

### Play with sounds: Use s clusters in your play together



Play on the *swing* and the *slide* at the park.



Sort toys or containers that are big and *small*. This lid is too *small* – let's *swap* it.



Draw a *snowman* or a *snail* with a *scarf* and a big *smile*.

## Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

Grandpa's Slippers by Joy Watson and Wendy Hodder The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle



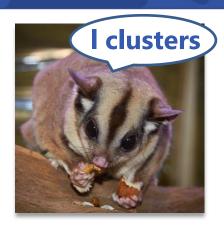
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# Flynn Glider

Some words start with two or three consonant sounds, known as consonant clusters.

I clusters: fl, sl, pl, bl, cl, gl, spl

**Easier words:** play, fly, plane, clap, floor

**Harder words:** flower, blanket, gloves, flute, blocks

### **Sing** with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

Shoo *fly*, don't bother me, Shoo *fly*, don't bother me, Shoo *fly*, don't bother me, 'Coz I don't want your company. Two little hands go *clap*, *clap*, *clap*, Two little feet go tap, tap, tap.

Two little eyes are open wide,

One little head goes side to side.

## Play with sounds: Use I clusters in your play together



Pretend to be a *plane*.
Put your arms out wide, *flying* in the *clouds*.
Make a paper *plane*.



Plant some flowers in a pot. Make sure you wear gardening gloves!



Make an indoor fort with blankets for walls, and pillows on the floor.

# Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

Clementine's Bath by Annie White Blue Whale Blues by Peter Carnavas Blown Away by Rob Biddulph



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# **Trish Tree Frog**

Some words start with two or three consonant sounds, known as consonant clusters.

r clusters: fr, thr, br, pr, dr, tr, cr, gr, scr, spr

**Easier words:** tree, drum, bread, free, grass

**Harder words:** three, crocodile, groceries, traffic, frog

### **Sing** with sounds: Sing a nursery rhyme

Five little monkeys swinging from a *tree*, Teasing Mr *Crocodile*, "you can't catch me"! Here comes Mr *Crocodile*, quiet as can be, And snatched one monkey out of that tree! Galumph went the little *green frog* one day, Galumph went the little *green frog*.

Galumph went the little *green frog* one day, But we all know *frogs* go, "la de dah de dah".

## Play with sounds: Use r clusters in your play together



Go shopping for *groceries* together. Will you by some *fruit*, *bread*, or *pretzels*?



Play dress-ups. Will you be a *dragon*, a *princess* with a *crown*, or a *frog*?



Drive toy trucks, trains, or a tractor. Uh-oh, it's a traffic jam!

## Read with sounds: Visit the library and borrow some books

Crocodile Beat by Gail Jorgensen

Jungle Drums by Graeme Base

My Friend Ernest by Emma Allen



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