

## Let's learn the letter sound Ss

### Ss for snake

**Remember parents** .... This sound requires lots of emphasis on your mouth shape and your teeth to get the correct sound (a smiling mouth shape, teeth together with your tongue hiding behind your teeth).

### Snakes and ladders

As the weather has been so lovely outdoors, maybe you could chalk a large 'snakes and ladders' game outside on the ground. Maybe a grid up to 20 or beyond with various sized snakes and ladders going up and down around the grids.

**You will need:** Chalk to draw the game and 2 shoes to move along.

A dice – you could use any type of block and draw on the 6 numbers and associated dots. Your child could help with constructing the dice and counting/drawing the correct number of dots needed.

Take turns each to throw the dice and move the correct number of spaces along. If you get to a snake, say the word 'snake' and make a 'ssssssssssssss' sound as you go down the snake. Encourage your child to do the same when it's their turn.

*Talk about the numbers they are going to, seeing if they recognize them, encourage them to move the correct number of spaces and count as they move, discuss the different sizes of the snakes and ladders and the sounds of the snake and the sound of walking up a ladder too!*

Maybe they could draw their own snake afterwards and add lots of numbers and colours.



ENJOY!!! AND HAVE FUN!!!! Covers Physical dev, maths, ordering and sequencing, literacy dev, C&L

**A song you could learn with your child, even as you play the game is:**

(to the tune of Farmers in his den)

The snake is in the grass,

the snake is in the grass,

'ssssssssssssss' 'ssssssssssssss'

the snake is in the grass