

Vowel wheel game

The vowel wheel game can be used to help your child to put a new sound they are learning to say onto another sound. The other sound is called a vowel. You can try adding your child's new sound at the front or end of the vowel.

Practice sound is at the front

- This is called consonant + vowel (CV)
- Place your practice sound in the middle square e.g. 's'
- Say the sound as a pure sound 'ssss' and not a letter sound 'seh'
- Ask your child to put their finger on the practice sound. Ask them to choose a sound they want to join it to
- As they move their finger to the vowel, ask your child to make their practice sound. When they get to the vowel ask them to say this sound
- As your child practises more, make the practice sound less exaggerated
- Keep modelling the sound to your child if they find it tricky

Practice sound is at the end

- This is called vowel + consonant (VC) practise
- Place your practice sound in the middle square e.g. 's'
- Say the sound as a pure sound 'ssss' and not a letter sound 'seh'
- Ask your child to put their finger on a vowel they choose.
- As they put their finger on the vowel, encourage your child to say it.
- As they move their finger to the practice sound encourage them to say this sound
- As your child practises more, make the practice sound less exaggerated
- Keep modelling the sound to your child if they find it tricky

To keep things fun

- Laminate the wheel. Your child can draw lines as they practice
- Use playdough to make the joins between the sounds for your child to follow
- Use stamps or stickers when your child has practised each vowel with their sound

