

Patina · Pronunciation

S at the Start

scarf, not escarf

Many English words start with **s + another letter**: scarf, sky, storm, sweater. Start with the **s**. Hiss it. No sound before it.

★ the rule, the s words, consonant or vowel? · ★★ fix the spelling, read it out loud · ★★★ fix the sentence, your turn

★ Start with the s

English words can start with s + another letter. Start with the s. Hiss it: ssss-carf.

scarf 

ssss · carf

Not: ~~escarf~~

Start with your teeth together. Hiss the s like a snake, then say the rest.

★ The s words

Click a word to hear it. Say it back: s first, no sound before it.

sc

scarf

scary

scarecrow

sk

sky

skeleton

skirt

sp

spice

spider

spooky

st

stew

storm

straw

sw

sweater

sweet

sweep

sm

smoke

smell

smile

sn

snack

snow

sneeze

sl

slippers

slow

sleep

squ

squash

squirrel

★ Consonant or vowel?

Look at the second letter. S + a consonant, or s + a vowel? Click one. The consonant words are the careful ones.

1	scarf	s + consonant	s + vowel
2	soup	s + consonant	s + vowel
3	sun	s + consonant	s + vowel
4	spider	s + consonant	s + vowel
5	stew	s + consonant	s + vowel
6	sweater	s + consonant	s + vowel
7	salad	s + consonant	s + vowel
8	September	s + consonant	s + vowel
9	sunset	s + consonant	s + vowel
10	squash	s + consonant	s + vowel

★★ Fix the spelling

Some languages put an e before s. English does not. Write the English word.

1	X estudent	→	__
2	X eschool	→	__
3	X Espanish	→	__
4	X especial	→	__
5	X estation	→	__
6	X estomach	→	__
7	X espinach	→	__
8	X estatue	→	__

★★ Read it out loud

Read each sentence out loud. Hiss the s in every bold word. Click a sentence to hear it.

- 1 It's chilly, so Janet is wearing a **scarf**. 
- 2 The **sky** is gray, and a **storm** is coming. 
- 3 Kevin likes **spooky** movies, but his son is **scared**. 
- 4 We can make **stew**, or we can make **squash** soup. 
- 5 It's cold, so Farhan is wearing a **sweater** and **slippers**. 
- 6 The **students** are carving pumpkins, and the **school** smells like **spice**. 

★★★ Fix the sentence

Each sentence has two words with an extra e. Write the sentence correctly.

- 1 **x** My **estudents** are wearing **escarves**.

- 2 **x** We eat **estew** at the **estation**.

- 3 **x** Petra speaks **Espanish** at **eschool**.

- 4 **x** The **Estatue** of Liberty is **especial**.

★★★ Your turn

Now you.

Write one sentence with two s words from this sheet. Use and, but, so or or. Then say it out loud.

- 1 For example: It's stormy, so I'm wearing a scarf.

Write one more. Then put it in the chat.

- 2 For example: I like spicy stew, but I don't like squash.

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Suggest a correction or improvement