

Lively Letter Stories

s – Quiet, Small Air Sound



“What happens with our mouths when we make this sound? ‘sssss’ Yes, we look like we’re smiling. Is any air coming out? See if there’s a lot of air gushing out, or just a small stream of air coming out. It is small air coming out. Let’s pretend to pull a small snake of air out of our mouths when we make that sound. (Use thumb and pointer to pretend to pull out a small snake of air.) Let’s check to see if our voices are on or off when we make this sound. Off. This is our quiet, small air sound. (Show picture.) Let’s smile at this small snake so he knows we’re not afraid of him. This skinny snake makes the small air sound. ‘sssss’ This snake has a noisy partner. Can you guess what sound that would be?”

Hand cue: Pretend to be pulling a thin snake of air out of your smiling mouth with your index finger and thumb.