

# Initial consonant clusters - 1

/sc/ /sm/ /sp/ /st/

A series of activities originally used in a mixed level group of literacy and IT learners.

- A. Phonic strips – listening activity (pages 2-3)
- B. Crossword sc – sm – sp – st (page 4, answers page 1)
- C. IT type in spelling quiz (separate document, available on site)
- D. Interactive (drop down menu) spelling cloze (separate document, available on site)

## Extension

- E. Card games with sc – sm – sp – st - sn- sl (separate document, available on site)

## Main Curriculum References

### Literacy

- Ww/E1.3 - use basic sound-symbol association to help spelling, as appropriate for the needs of the learner
- Ww/E2.2 - use knowledge of sound-symbol relationships and phonological patterns (e.g. consonant clusters, vowel phonemes) to help work out correct spellings
- Rw/E1.2 - decode simple, regular words
- Rw/E2.3 - use phonic and graphic knowledge to decode words

## Crossword Answers

### Across

1. smith
2. scone
3. Scot
4. smooth
5. step
6. Spain
7. stab

### Down


1. stop
2. spot
3. smoke
5. scarf
6. smart

# Phonic strips

## Instructions

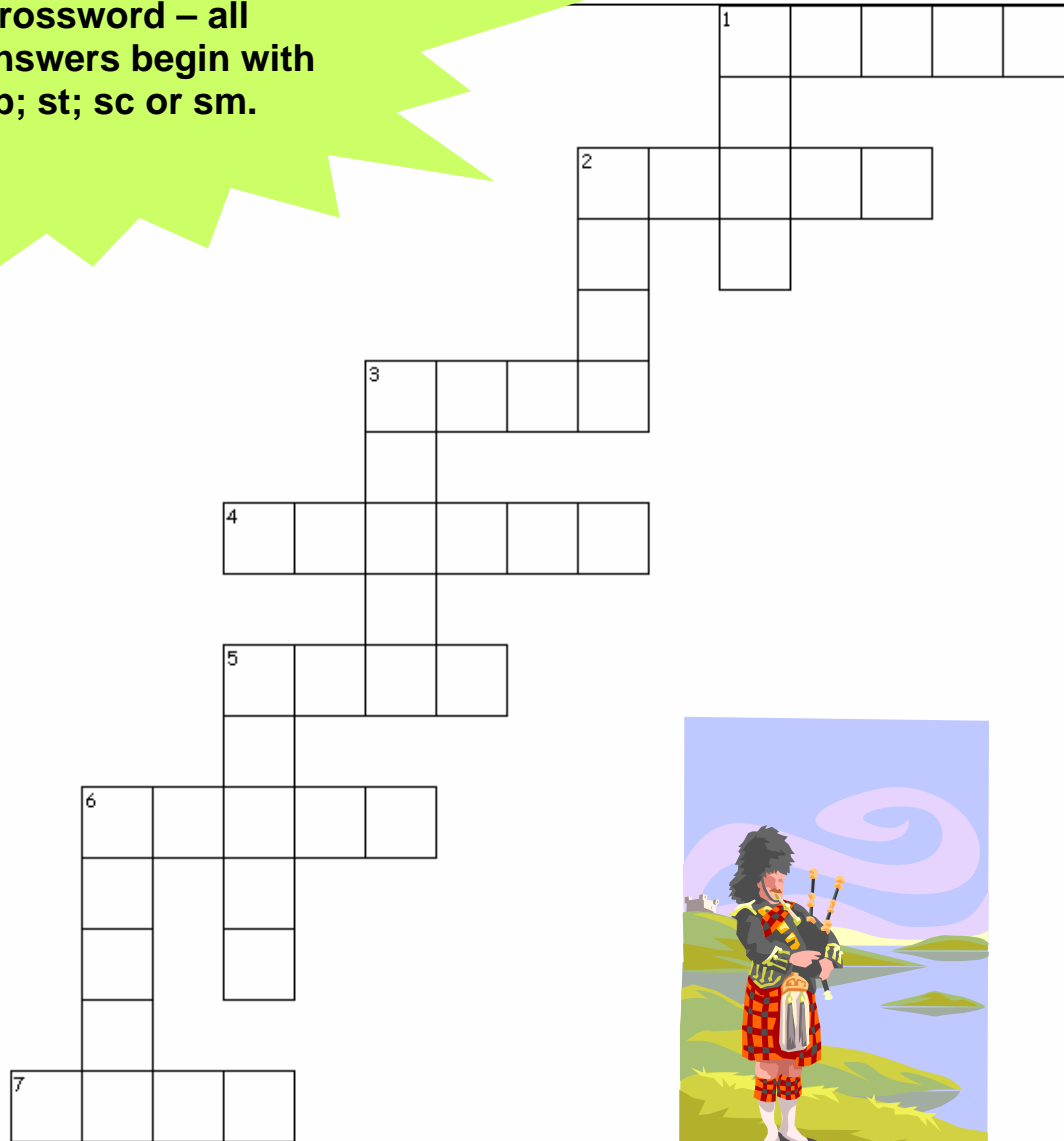
1. Give each student a vertical strip (page 3). Explain that you will be reading a list of words to them and asking them to identify which sound belongs at the beginning of each word.
2. Talk through the sounds. Discuss how your mouth moves for each one. For example, sp – suggests spit.
3. Read through the list of words – ticking as you go. Muddle them up so you aren't doing all the same sounds together. The students identify which sound you are saying from their strip.
4. Follow up this activity with the crossword on page 4 and the related I T activities (available separately on site).

sp	sm	st	sc
spot	smart	sting	Scot
span	smith	stink	scarf
spin	smooth	stun	scope
spoonful	smile	steeple	scab
Spain	smoke	stab	scat
spiv	smog	stop	scan
spud	smitten	step	scone
spun	smug	steel	scoff

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<u>s</u> tar 	<u>s</u> tar 
<u>s</u> carf 	<u>s</u> carf 
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**Crossword – all answers begin with sp; st; sc or sm.**



**Across**

1. farrier
2. eaten with jam and cream
3. someone from Scotland
4. opposite of rough
5. anagram of pest
6. country famous for bull-fighting
7. injure with a knife

**Down**

1. halt
2. pimple
3. you do this to a cigarette
5. round worn the neck in winter
6. clever