To enable SQL Server Authentication in Microsoft SQL Server, you need to perform the following steps:

1. \*\*Connect to SQL Server\*\*: Connect to your SQL Server instance using a user account that has administrative privileges.

2. \*\*Open SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)\*\*: Launch SQL Server Management Studio, which is a graphical tool for managing SQL Server databases.

3. \*\*Navigate to Server Properties\*\*:

- Right-click on the server name in Object Explorer.

- Select "Properties" from the context menu.

4. \*\*Access Security Settings\*\*:

- In the Server Properties dialog, navigate to the "Security" page.

- Select the "SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode" option.

5. \*\*Restart SQL Server Service\*\*:

- After changing the authentication mode, you need to restart the SQL Server service for the changes to take effect.

- Right-click on the server name in Object Explorer.

- Select "Restart" from the context menu to restart the SQL Server service.

6. \*\*Configure Login Accounts\*\*:

- Now that SQL Server Authentication is enabled, you can create SQL Server logins and grant them appropriate permissions.

- In SSMS, navigate to "Security" > "Logins" in Object Explorer.

- Right-click on "Logins" and select "New Login" to create a new SQL Server login.

- Specify the login name, choose SQL Server Authentication, and set a password.

7. \*\*Grant Permissions\*\*:

- After creating a SQL Server login, you can grant it permissions to access databases and perform specific actions.

- Right-click on the newly created login and select "Properties".

- Navigate to the "Server Roles" or "User Mapping" pages to assign appropriate roles or map the login to specific databases with appropriate permissions.

8. \*\*Test the Configuration\*\*:

- After setting up SQL Server Authentication and configuring login accounts, you can test the configuration by connecting to SQL Server using a SQL Server login.

- Use SSMS or a database client application to connect to SQL Server using the SQL Server login credentials you created.

By following these steps, you can enable SQL Server Authentication and configure login accounts to authenticate users against SQL Server using usernames and passwords.