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The supercuspidal representations of $SL(2, k)$, where k is a p -adic field, have a succinct description as compactly induced representations. We consider the restriction of these representations to maximal compact subgroups of $SL(2, k)$, the decomposition of which further reveals the internal structure of the supercuspidals. This work is part of an ongoing project; it is a continuation of previous work of the author on principal series representations of $SL(2, k)$, as well as work of the author and Peter Campbell (Bristol) on principal series representations of $GL(3, k)$. (Received August 05, 2008)