

ABC Activities

Letters and Sounds

Have your child use a dry erase board or a piece of paper to record letters/sounds that you call out randomly.

Sticks, Curves, and Circles Activity

Place magnetic or wooden letters on a table and have your child classify the letter shapes as either sticks, circles, curves or a combination of two.

Letters In My Name

Write the children's names on a piece of paper, using different colored markers. You can write the letters vertically or horizontally, leaving a good space between letters. Have the children draw at least 3 things that start with each letter in their name. They have to label objects drawn.

Letter Puzzles – Matching Capital and Lowercase

1. Take an index card or construction paper divided in half.
2. Write the capital letter on the left and the lower case on the right.
3. Cut in the middle in an odd way (zigzag, curve, etc.)
4. Children can then put puzzles together.

Eraser

On a dry erase/chalkboard, write a series of 5-10 letters in no particular order. Say a letter and your child tries to find and erase the correct one. This can also be done this with letter sounds.

Alphabet Corner

Set up an alphabet corner in your house. Stock it with letters to trace, plastic letters for word building, alphabet stamps, alphabet puzzles and games, picture cards, alphabet books from your library, materials to make letters (pipe cleaners, glue, stencils) Alphabet flash cards, dry-erase boards or mini chalkboards, alphabet cassettes and cassette player, clay, paints, and any other materials you want to include.

Alphabet Concentration

Limiting the game to 8 to 12 cards, make a set of letter cards -- one letter to a card, two cards for each letter. Place the cards facedown on the table. Have child turn over 2 cards at a time. If the cards match, children keep them. The object is to make as many matches as possible. You can match uppercase only, lowercase only or upper to lower case letters.

Make a Letter Log

Take a spiral bound scrapbook or unlined notebook with enough paper for the entire alphabet - 2 pages min for each letter. Open the book until you have 2 blank pages together. On the left side of the paper print the letter and then give the child magazines to cut pictures from that start with that letter. As they continue to learn letters and words continue to include drawings and stickers.