

Learning Letters at Home



- ★ Explore magnetic letters, alphabet puzzles, and letter stamps
- ★ Make letters with playdough
- ★ Read alphabet-themed books
- ★ Notice and point out letters in the community on road signs, food labels, ads, restaurant signs, etc.
- ★ Practice writing letters using your finger in shaving cream, rice, sand, flour, oatmeal, or salt.
- ★ Go on a letter hunt around your home. Notice and talk about the letters you see.
- ★ Write letters with chalk on the sidewalk. Trace the letters with a wet paintbrush.
- ★ Hide magnetic letters or alphabet cards in one room of your home. Find the letters and put the letters in order.
- ★ *Alphabet Book*: Staple paper together to make a book. Practice writing the alphabet (one letter on each page). Draw a picture on each page that corresponds with the beginning letter sound.
- ★ *Letter Collage*: Cut out letters in magazines, ads, or newspapers. Identify and glue the letters onto construction paper.
- ★ *Swat It Letter Game*: Give your child a fly swatter or spatula. Spread alphabet cards onto the floor or table (if needed, start with 5 letters at a time). Call out a letter or sound and have your child find and “swat it” with the fly swatter!
- ★ *Letter Matching Game*: Select 5-10 letters at a time that you want to practice. Use two sets of alphabet cards or make an uppercase and lowercase card for each letter. Shuffle and place the cards on a table in a grid. Take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to identify and find the letters that match.
- ★ *Fishing for Letters*: Clip a paper clip to each alphabet card and scatter them on the floor. Make a magnetic fishing pole by tying one end of string to a long stick and attaching a paper clip or other magnetic to the other end. Try to “catch” the

alphabet, identifying each letter as you catch it.

- ★ *Musical Chairs*: Using alphabet cards, tape several letters in a circle on the floor. Play music and walk or dance around the circle. When the music stops, hop onto a letter, and shout its name. You can even think of a word that begins with the letter you land on. Repeat.
- ★ Using your alphabet cards, hunt for objects that start with the letters of the alphabet. Shuffle the cards. Place the “deck” face down on the table. Encourage your child to flip over a card, identify the letter, and then try to hunt for an item in the house that starts with that letter. See how many letters you can find an object for.