

## Letter Names/Letter Sounds Activities

Cooked Spaghetti Letters Give the child some cooked spaghetti. Show him/her how to use the spaghetti to form the letters. Say a sound and have the child make the corresponding letter.

Play Dough Letters Show the child how to make long ropes out of play dough. Then fashion the ropes into given letters. Try including the letter sounds.

Letter Formation Fun Write letters in sand, flour, shaving cream, etc. Go over the sounds the letters make.

Mama and Me Make copies of the picture cards from the PDF below. Have the children match the Mama animal to their baby. They will be matching upper-case mothers with their lower-case babies. Name the sounds of the letters.

<https://pals.virginia.edu/pdfs/activities/alphabet-rec/mamaandme.pdf>

Letter Find Have the child look for letters on road signs, in books, in the newspaper, in magazines, in junk mail - anywhere in print. Have him/her say the sound the letter makes.

Alphabet Order Game The child should be able and ready to play this game if they know how to sing the alphabet and appear to have an interest in letters. To play this game you will need a set of alphabet cards. A free site to get these cards is listed below. Place all the cards in a big pile and mix them up. Sing the alphabet song with the child and ask him/her what the first letter of the alphabet is (repeat the song if needed until he/she figures out that Aa is the first letter). Let him/her find the letter Aa. If they are struggling, provide hints until they find it – Ex: the capital or upper case Aa looks like a triangle and has a pointy top, etc. Show them the letter Aa in a book or some other form of print as an example if needed). Go on to the next letter. Repeat the song and hints until all the letters are found and placed in the correct order. To extend this activity, try including letter sounds. If your child loses interest, don't push it. Just leave the activity and pick it up another time when they are interested again!

<http://blog.maketaketeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Small-Flashcards-Alphabet.pdf>

Interactive Websites-

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/abcd.html>

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/theospuzzles.html>

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/ears.html>

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/stacker.html>

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/monkeymatch.html>

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bll/leo/game.htm?scene=home>

Apps:

abc PocketPhonics

Dr. Seuss' ABC

Books for Teaching Letter Names/Letter Sounds

*ABC: A Child's First Alphabet* By Allison Jay

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* By Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

*Kipper's A to Z: An Alphabet Adventure* By Nick Inkpen

*Farm Alphabet Book* By Jane Miller