

Other Ideas for Letter Activities

Read:

- Find nursery rhymes that feature the letter
- Find the letter on a page (book, rhyme, newspaper, comics, junkmail, magazines)
- Read an ABC book
- Read a book that features the letter

Talk:

- Ask your child questions about things that start with the letter (if you are stuck, here are some ideas: <http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/letter-alphabet-conversation-cards.html>)
- Ask your child if they know any words that start with the letter or sound. Give an example if they seem stumped, “The word “bird” starts with the b sound. Can you think of another word that starts with the b sound?”
- Call/Facetime someone (relative or friend) to share all the great letter words you know

Write:

- Trace letters on sandpaper or make your own [sensory abc poster](#)
- Write letters with finger in sand/whipped cream/pudding/shaving cream
- Put paint etc. in a Ziploc bag, tape over the end, and write letters in the paint
- Paint with water on a chalkboard
- Paint on paper
- Write the letter with crayons/markers/pens/pencils
- Color the letter
- Make the letter from: pretzels, sticks, rocks, bodies, silverware, toys
- Write or draw on a “magnetic erase” board

Play:

- Put together letter puzzles (these [coloring sheets](#) would make FANTASTIC puzzles!)
- Go on a letter hunt as you shop/walk/travel/read
- Play “I’m thinking...” Say “I’m thinking of something that starts with the letter_.” If they need a hint, make the letter sound and/or give a clue

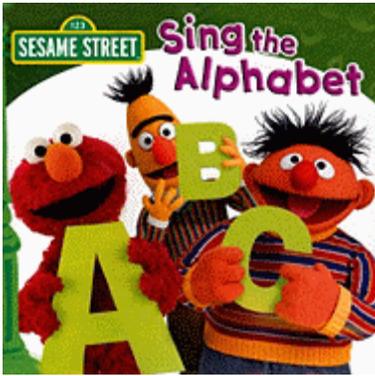
Play continued

- Play “I Spy...” something that starts with the letter_. (If your child is getting too good, make it the ending sound!) “ I spy something shaped like the letter_.”
- Make letters or things that start with the letter from play dough
- Gross motor activities such as letter target practice and many more are [here](#)

Sing:

- Sing the ABC song
- Sing and [sign](#) the ABC song video [here](#)
- Sing the ABC song to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”
- Sing songs that feature the letter (Sesame Street has a lot of good ones) Here are some other ideas available at the library:
 - Can a jumbo jet sing the alphabet? [sound recording] : songs for learning through music and movement [Palmer, Hap, 1942-](#)

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- **Sing the alphabet** [sound recording].
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- **Here come the ABCs** [sound recording]
- [They Might Be Giants \(Musical group\)](#)
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