

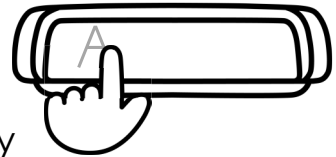
# FUN ALPHABET PRACTICE AT HOME!

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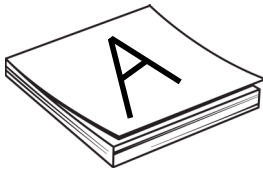


**MAGIC LETTERS:** Use a white piece of paper and white crayon to draw letters in a random manner on the page. Give child water paint and a thin brush. As they paint the letters will slowly appear on the page! Encourage your child to name each letter as they are slowly revealed.

**TOUCH LETTERS:** Using cardboard, construction paper or cardstock, print some letters using a "bubble letter" type font or thick strokes. Give child liquid glue and a variety of tactile objects to apply within or on the borders of each letter. Letters can be filled with items such as dry beans, small feathers, small buttons, small pieces of dry pasta, colored dry rice, sand, dried herbs, rhinestones, yarn, cotton balls, leaves, pom poms, pieces of felt or small beads. Use your imagination!

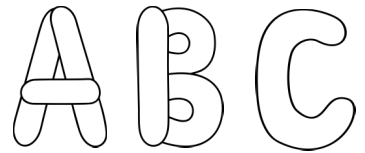


**LETTER TRAY:** Use a shallow rectangular tray and fill the bottom with one of a variety of tactile materials. This may include shaving cream, dry rice, sand, salt, or sugar. Present letters to your child to copy by using their finger to form the strokes.



**STICKY NOTE LETTER SEARCH:** Use a sticky note to print one letter of the alphabet on each (A-Z). Place these notes around the house and tell your child to find each of them. Give hints as needed. As collected, you may encourage your child to place them in alphabetical order on a large table or on a wall, match the letters to a poster board that also has upper-case A-Z or lower-case a-z written.

**PLAYDOUGH LETTERS:** Use playdough to form letters. Your child will be rolling out "logs" to form into curves and lines. You can make a template with large letters for your child to place the dough upon.



**CONSTRUCT LETTERS:** Give pipe cleaners (chenille sticks) to older children to bend them into the shape of letters. Provide a complete pipe cleaner letter to use as a model for the child to duplicate.



**I SPY LETTERS:** Give your child a page from a magazine or newspaper. Large print is best. Provide one printed letter at a time for the child to view. Using a highlighter marker, the child is to highlight each of the presented letters. Use a different highlighter color for each letter.

**CHALK LETTERS:** Provide chalk and a sidewalk. Child can copy and form letters, then erase with a spray bottle of water. Your child can also form letters using small pieces of chalk and a chalk board. Use small pieces of a wet sponge to erase the strokes of each letter.