

A L P H A B E T

FISHING



UPPERCASE PLAY BOARD





Uppercase Matching

Learning Goals:

This activity is all about uppercase letters! Since the playset's focus is on lowercase letters, this activity gives kids the opportunity to identify uppercase letters and match uppercase and lowercase letters.



Set Up:

Print out the Uppercase Play Board and place it next to the Alphabet Fishing Playset.

How to Play:

Ask your child to spin the playset's tray and catch a fish with a fishing rod. Then, ask them to identify the letter on the fish and place it on the matching letter on the printed Uppercase Play Board.

Encourage your child to self-correct: they can see if they've matched the letters correctly by looking at the fish's color or by referencing the Alphabet Chart.

Turn this activity into a two-player game! With a partner, take turns spinning the tray, catching a fish, and matching letters.



Fishing Phonics Fun!

Learning Goals:

Through this activity, kids will practice recognizing speech sounds (speech sound awareness) and connecting letters' written and spoken forms (phonics). These are both important pre-literacy skills kids will need to read and spell later on.

Set Up:

Print and cut out the Animal Cards.

How to Play:

1. Mix up the animal cards and place them in front of your child.
2. Ask your child to spin the tray and catch a fish using a fishing rod.
3. Ask your child to identify the letter on the fish and find the animal card with the matching letter. Call out the name of the animal, lengthening the first sound in the word. Point out the letter on the fish and card and tell your child that the letter makes this sound.

"C-c-cat!"

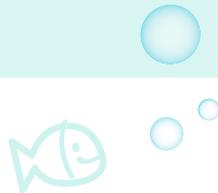




Game Time!

Learning Goals:

Along with being tons of fun, these multiplayer games can help kiddos build collaborative and social skills! Game 1 also focuses on speech sound awareness and phonics.



Set Up:

Print and cut out the animal cards.

How to Play:

For 2 or more people

Game 1: What's That Animal?

Put the deck of cards between players. Each player will draw a card and try to name the animal and identify the first sound in the animal's name. If they are successful, they can keep the card, if not, they will put the card at the bottom of the deck. Repeat until all the cards are drawn—whoever has the most cards at the end, wins!

Game 2: Animal Charades

Put the deck of cards between players. Take turns drawing a card and acting out the animal while other players guess!

Game 3: Who's On My Forehead?

Each player draws a card and tapes it on their forehead, without looking at it. Each player will get a turn: when it is your turn, other players will describe the animal on your forehead until you guess what it is!



Match the Animals!

Learning Goals:

This activity focuses on identifying uppercase and lowercase forms of letters and matching them!

Set Up:

Print and cut out the Animal Cards. Cut them in half horizontally, along the cut line.

How to Play:

Mix up all the animal card halves and place them in front of your child. Ask them to find the matching halves.

If your child is not yet familiar with letters, they will likely use the animal pictures to match the halves. You can use these cards as tools, later on, to demonstrate that each letter has both an uppercase and lowercase form.



Catch & Match

Learning Goals:

This activity combines learning goals from previous activities: phonics and upper-case-lowercase matching!

Set Up:

Print and cut out the Animal Cards. Cut them in half horizontally, along the cut line.

How to Play:

1. Ask your child to spin the tray and catch a fish using the fishing rod.
2. Ask your child to identify the letter on the fish and find the animal card half with the matching lowercase letter.
3. Ask your child to find the uppercase half of the same animal card, put the halves together, and call out the name of the animal.

Tip: kiddos can use the color of the card's border to narrow down their options!



Let's Trace & Write!

Learning Goals:

This activity takes kiddos through the steps of printing letters, starting with tracing! When kiddos trace, they use both their muscle memory and sight, which makes it easier for them to recognize and learn the letters. The Alphabet Worksheets have arrows and numbers indicating the steps to writing each letter.

Set Up:

Print out the Alphabet Worksheets.

How to Play:

1. Trace the letters on the sheets with your index finger while your child watches.
2. Give your child the sheets and ask them to do the same.
3. Ask your child to trace the letters using a pencil.
4. Ask your child to write the letters using a pencil, using the horizontal lines as a guide.

If your child is having trouble with this, take one of the sheets and trace together, at the same time.

As your child writes, ask them to pay attention to where each letter begins and ends, and how the lines in each letter connect.

A



a

B



b

C



c

D



d

E



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F



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G



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H



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I



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J



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K



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ANIMAL CARDS

alligator, bat, cat, dove, elk, fox, gecko, hamster, ibex, jerboa, koala, lynx, monkey, numbat, ostrich, panda, quail, raccoon, snail, toad, umbrellabird, vulture, wasp, X-ray fish, yak, zebra

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