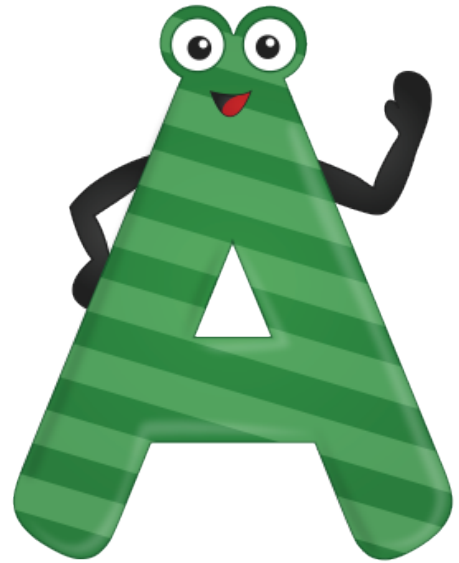


Letter Knowledge

What Is Letter Knowledge?

Letter knowledge is recognizing the letters and knowing the letter names and sounds. Young children gain an awareness of letters as they play with alphabet shapes, start to notice letters in books, and realize that their name begins with a specific letter. A child who has achieved letter knowledge recognizes all the **letters of the alphabet**, in both capital letter and lowercase form, and she knows the names and sounds of each.



Quick Check for Letter Knowledge

- Your child can recite the alphabet song.
- Your child recognizes the capital letters. If you ask him to point to an M, he can do it.
- Your child recognizes lowercase letters. If you ask your student to point to an r, he can do it.
- Your child knows the most common sounds of the letters. He knows that the letter B says /b/ and K says /k/, for example.
- Your child notices letters in her environment, such as on book covers and store signs.
- Your child can identify the ending sound in a word. If you ask him to say the last sound in the word *jam*, your child is able to respond with the sound /m/.

10 Fun Ways to Develop Letter Knowledge

Explore alphabet books. For a fun and cozy way to increase letter knowledge, grab some books and a blanket and enjoy reading together! Check out our [BIG list of Alphabet Picture Books!](#)

Sing the Alphabet Song. Sing the alphabet song to your kids when they are very young. When they get a bit older, they will naturally start singing along.

Cut and Paste the Alphabet. Children should learn and master [uppercase letters](#) first and then [lowercase letters](#), and our ABC Crafts for Uppercase and Lowercase Letters are the perfect way to learn them!

Match Different Fonts and Styles. Children need to know that letters in text can look different in different fonts, and that printed letters look different from handwritten letters. This activity will help!

Associate Letter Names with the Sounds They Make. Help your child associate letter names with the sounds the letters make. For example, point out the word *macaroni* on the pasta box and say, “We’re having macaroni and cheese tonight. *Macaroni* starts with M. M says /m/ as in *macaroni*.”

Explore the Alphabet with Refrigerator Magnets. Interacting with letters helps children get ready for reading and spelling. Check out [8 Ways to Use Refrigerator Magnets](#) for hands-on activities that can be used again and again to help your child learn his letters.

Feel the Alphabet. Let your child *create* letters with [playdough](#), *build* them with [building blocks](#), and *feel* them with [tactile letter cards](#). If you like to sew, try our [do-it-yourself fabric alphabet](#).

Wear the Alphabet. [ABC Bracelets](#) are the perfect letter-of-the-week craft activity. Your child will love being able to admire his letter just by glancing at his wrist.

Inch Through the Alphabet. Practice recognizing letters and placing them in a-b-c order as you inch your way through the alphabet with this [colorful caterpillar](#).

Feed the Puppy Letters. If your little one loves puppies, this is sure to be a hit. Our [Feed the Puppy Alphabet Game](#) helps kids practice the alphabet in a fun way.

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