Alphabet Dough

You and your child will:

Make the letters of the alphabet using play dough.

You need:

• Play dough

Alphabet cards

• Table liner



Let your child choose a play dough color. Find the first letter of his/her name in the alphabet cards.



Show your child how to roll the play dough into snakes.



Help your child form the first letter in his/her name.

Talk about the letter name and letter sound it makes.



Let your child choose another letter.

Questions to ask:

- What letter would you like to make?
- Does this letter have straight lines, curved lines, or both?
- What sound does this letter make?

Catch a Letter

You and your child will:

Go fishing to catch letters and talk about the sounds they make.

You need:

- Fishing pole
- Magnetic letters
- Metal tray
- Alphabet Arc





Let your child use the fishing pole to **catch a letter**. Provide support as needed.

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Have your child **name the letter** caught.

(It's okay if your child doesn't know all the letter names.)

Questions to ask:

- Which letter do you want to catch?
- Do you know what this letter is?
- Do you see the letters in your name?

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Match the letter to the letter on the Alphabet Arc.





Use the Alphabet Arc to **discuss the sounds** each letter makes.

Example: A is for apple, B is for ball.

I Can Read!

You and your child will:

Look through store ads for letters and words your child can identify.

You need:

• Glue

Store ads

Scissors

• Construction paper





Look through store ads and help your child identify letters, words, or foods he/she recognizes.





Let your child choose **letters**, words or food items to cut out. **Glue** them onto a construction paper to make a collage.





Have your child name the letter, word, or food items.

Questions to ask:

- What does this say?
- Where have you seen this?
- Is this something we buy at the store?





Take the collage with you to **display in your** home.

Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

You and your child will:

Make the letters of the alphabet using play dough.

You need:

- Pencil
- My Alphabet Sounds handout
- Clipboard
- Foam alphabet letters





Have your child **pick up** a pencil, clipboard, and a My Alphabet Sounds handout.





Together, **look** around the room until you **find a foam letter.**





Circle the letter you find on the **My Alphabet Sounds handout** and put the foam letter back.





Help your child **practice making the letter sound**. Think of words that begin with the same sound.

Example: "C" for cat, candy, car, etc.





Continue searching for more letters.

Questions to ask:

- What letter did you find?
- What sound does that letter make?
- What other words begin with that sound?

Investigating Books

You and your child will:

Explore the alphabet and rhyming words with books.

You need:

- Puppet
- Finger pointer
- Magnifying glass
- Paper towel tube

Books for this station:

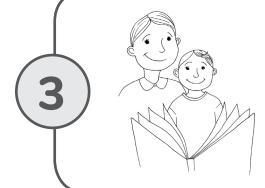
- Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss
- Quackity-Quack by Doreen Cronin
- R is for Robot by Adam F. Watkins
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin and John Archambault



Say, "These books are about the letters in the alphabet and rhyming words." Let your child choose a book that interests him/her.



Look at the pictures in the book. **Talk** about the words, letters, and sounds your child sees and hears.



Follow your child's lead. Have your child point to the letters, letter sounds, and rhyming words.

Questions to ask:

- What's the name of this letter?
- What sound does this letter make?
- Which words rhyme or sound alike?