

Alphabet Book

Primary Objectives

- 16. Identifies names and letters
- 16b. Identifies letter–sound correspondences

Why It's Important

Books that illustrate letters help your child understand and recognize the letters of the alphabet. Reading a book about the alphabet with children brings letters to life with pictures, sounds, and words.

Materials

Any illustrated alphabet book

What You Do

1. Invite your child to read a book with you in a quiet area.
2. As you read each page, point to the featured letter as you say it. Ask questions that prompt him to notice the illustrations that highlight that letter. *Here is the letter P. What sound does it make? That's right! It makes a /p/ sound. What do you see on this page that starts with the /p/ sound?*
3. Encourage your child to say the letter sound as you point to each subsequent letter. Invite him to come up with additional words that start with *P*. *Can you tell me some other words that begin with P?*
4. Point to any remaining objects on the page that start with the featured letter. *What is this animal? That's right, it's a pig. What sound does the word pig start with? Can you tell me what letter makes that sound?*
5. Make sure the book is accessible for your child to look at later.