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## Now I Know My ABC's - Letter Ideas for Early Learners

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| <p><b>Teach your child to sing the ABC Song.</b></p>  <p>Practice everyday until your child has the song memorized.</p>                                 | <p><b>Sing the ABC Song and point to each letter on the alphabet mat.</b></p>   | <p><b>Make a name card. Have your child point to and say the letters in his/her name.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Jacob</div>   | <p><b>Read Alphabet Books</b></p>  <p>Match letters by placing magnetic letters or letter cards on the pages of the ABC books.</p>  | <p>Letters are all around you. Be on the lookout for letter learning opportunities everyday.</p>  <p>"I spy the letter M!"</p>   | <p><b>Write and Draw Together</b></p> <p>Keep a writing box full of crayons, markers, paper, and pads. Scribble, draw pictures, make lists, cards, labels, and practice writing. Let your child see you writing.</p> | <p><b>Create art using letters cut from magazines.</b></p> <p>"Can you find the letters in your name?"</p> <p>"Let's look for the letter G today."</p>    |
| <p>Keep the cereal box on the table and talk about the letters and words you see. When the box is empty, cut up the front and make a puzzle.</p>        | <p><b>Place a few letter cards around your child's bedroom. Let your child shine a flashlight on a letter and say the name.</b></p>   | <p><b>Can You Find It?</b></p> <p>Call out a letter on the alphabet mat. Can your child find it?</p> <p><b>Can You Name It?</b></p> <p>Point to a letter on the alphabet mat. Can your child name it?</p>   | <p>Ask your child to say the ABC's for your family. Can he/she...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... say them in a squeaky mouse voice?</li> <li>... say them in a loud giant voice?</li> <li>... stomp for each letter?</li> <li>... clap for each letter?</li> <li>... touch their toes for each letter?</li> <li>... jump for each letter?</li> </ul>                 | <p><b>Use the letter cards and scramble the letters in your child's name. Can your child put it back together?</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">J</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">a</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">c</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">o</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">b</div> </div> | <p><b>Read Together Everyday</b></p> <p>Point to and say the letters in the title of a book.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Curious George</div>                        | <p>Look for words on signs. Help your child say the letters that make the words.</p>    |
| <p><b>Sort letters by how they look.</b></p> <p>Tall letters/short letters</p> <p>Letters with a curved line</p> <p>Letters with a straight line</p> <p>Letters with tunnels (n, m, h)</p> <p>Letters with circles</p>                     | <p><b>Let your child use their finger to write letters in a pan of sand or in shaving cream. Say the name of the letter as you are writing it!</b></p>   | <p><b>Hidden Penny Game</b></p> <p>Use three letter cards. Have your child close their eyes as you hide a penny behind one letter. Have your child say the name of the letter where he/she thinks the penny is hiding. If the guess is correct, he/she gets to keep the card.</p>   | <p><b>The Missing Letter Game</b></p> <p>Have your child close their eyes while you cover a letter on the alphabet mat. Ask them to open their eyes and figure out which one is missing.</p>   | <p><b>Turtle Writing</b></p> <p>Slowly write a letter. Can your child name it before you finish writing it?</p>    | <p>Help your child write giant letters in the air with their hand or a flashlight. Say the letter name as you are writing it.</p>  | <p><b>Scramble your uppercase letter cards and then line them up in ABC order.</b></p> <p>Can you say...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... the letter that comes after F?</li> <li>... the letter that is between M and O?</li> <li>... the letter before H?</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Put It There!</b></p> <p>Use magnetic letters or letter cards. Tell your child to find a specific letter and where to place it.</p> <p>"Put the C below the X."</p> <p>"Let the A touch the J."</p> <p>"Put the W beside the M."</p> | <p><b>ABC RACE for 2 Players</b></p> <p>Help your child put the letter cards in a line in ABC order. Starting at A, roll a die and move that number of spaces. If you can name the letter, you can stay. If not go back to your last stop. First person to Z wins!</p> | <p><b>Use your letter cards. Help your child match lowercase letters to uppercase letters.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">T</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">R</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">I</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">r</div> </div> | <p><b>Family Name Game</b></p> <p>Write the names of three people in your family. Pull a card from your letter sack and call out the letter. If any name on your paper has that letter, color the letter. Play until all the letters in the names are colored.</p>   | <p><b>Letter Card Sorting Ideas</b></p> <p>Find. Letters in my name/letters not in my name</p> <p>Letters I know/letters I don't know</p> <p>Uppercase/lowercase</p>  | <p><b>Rainbow Letters</b></p> <p>Trace over a giant letter with different colored crayons as you say the letter name.</p>          | <p><b>Sort your magnetic letters by color.</b></p> <p>Try to say the names of all the letters in one color family.</p>   |
| <p><b>Flip It! Say It! Keep It!</b></p> <p>Place the letter cards face down on a surface. Let your child turn over a card and try to name it. Your child keeps any card he/she can identify.</p>   | <p><b>Take a paint brush and some water outside and paint letters on the sidewalk. Watch your letters disappear.</b></p>    | <p><b>Alphabet Top-it</b></p> <p>Need letter cards and alphabet mat</p> <p>Take turns turning over a letter card from the pile. Say the letter name and put your finger on the letter. The player with the letter closest to Z gets to keep both cards.</p>   | <p><b>Parent and Caregiver Tips</b></p> <p>The letters in children's names are among the first letters learned and names are among the first words read. Work for short periods on a few letters at a time. Keep it fun! Revisit favorite activities. Alphabet blocks, magnetic letters, chalk, play dough and Magnadoodles are great toys that encourage early literacy skills.</p> | <p><b>Letter Card Sorting Ideas</b></p> <p>Find. Letters in my name/letters not in my name</p> <p>Letters I know/letters I don't know</p> <p>Uppercase/lowercase</p>  | <p><b>Write and Draw Together</b></p> <p>Keep a writing box full of crayons, markers, paper, and pads. Scribble, draw pictures, make lists, cards, labels, and practice writing. Let your child see you writing.</p> | <p><b>Create art using letters cut from magazines.</b></p> <p>"Can you find the letters in your name?"</p> <p>"Let's look for the letter G today."</p>    |

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