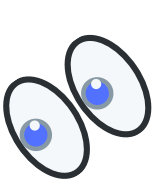


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Use your senses!



SONGS

Listen, watch the videos, sing, & dance!

- Letter Factory ABC song by LeapFrog (DVD)
- Phonics Song 2 (Kidstv123.com)
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ABC manipulatives

Letter magnets & foam bath letters

- Leave on the refrigerator/ in the bathtub
- Start with a few, then gradually add more
- Use name letters
- Can start with uppercase letters at first

SHAPE & WRITE

Play-Doh, Wiki sticks & Chalk

- Use shapes like lines and curves to shape the letters
- Write the letters on pavement: hop, run, jump
- Match uppercase and lowercase letters

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Extra tips:

- Use environmental print: names of toys, cereal, stores, people they see every day to refer to letters
- Play I SPY with letters as you are going about your day
- You may choose to name letters before dealing with sounds OR teach them simultaneously (depends on the child)
- You may choose to start with capitals first since they are in so many fonts on packages and signs.
- Play matching games with uppercase and lowercase
- Use proper letter formation (such as Handwriting Without Tears)