

Parent Guide

Slide & Learn Alphabet Flash Cards

This pack is designed to help with visual word recognition. It will help your child learn common sounds of the alphabet through initial sounds of words, which you can then follow up with questions such as, 'What else starts with an "a"?'.

You may need to use phonic sounds to explain the different variations of the letters. For example, 'a' for 'apple' has a different phonic sound to 'a' for 'ape'.

How you can help

Recognition

- With the card closed, ask the child what the picture is. Prompt the child if they need help, then slide the card open to reveal the answer. Show the child the word.
- Say the word emphasising the initial letter sound and pointing to the initial letter. Explain that all letters have a name and a sound, and to read and write you need to learn both.
- Focus on the initial letter, 'a'.
- Say it out loud and ask your child to repeat it.



What to do

Activities

Find everyday objects and activities you can match with each letter of the alphabet and say them aloud together. They may be objects from around the home, at the supermarket, in the garden or even when you are driving the car.

Find the card that your child's name begins with, as well as the names of other family members.

Use the cards to copy, trace and write letters on paper to increase coordination skills.

Advanced Skills

All words can be broken into syllables. Say the words in syllables - 'tel-e-phone'. This is a very important pre-reading and writing skill.

Focus on the final sounds in words - 'Let's find words that end in "n"'.

Find words with letter blends: 'sh', 'th', 'bl', 'ing', etc.

Game

The 'I spy' game is ideal for learning the alphabet, using the flash cards to reinforce the letter learnt. 'I spy something beginning with "b"... "c"... etc.'

*Always praise your child for their efforts. Remember, don't push them so hard that it is no longer fun. **When the fun stops, you stop!***