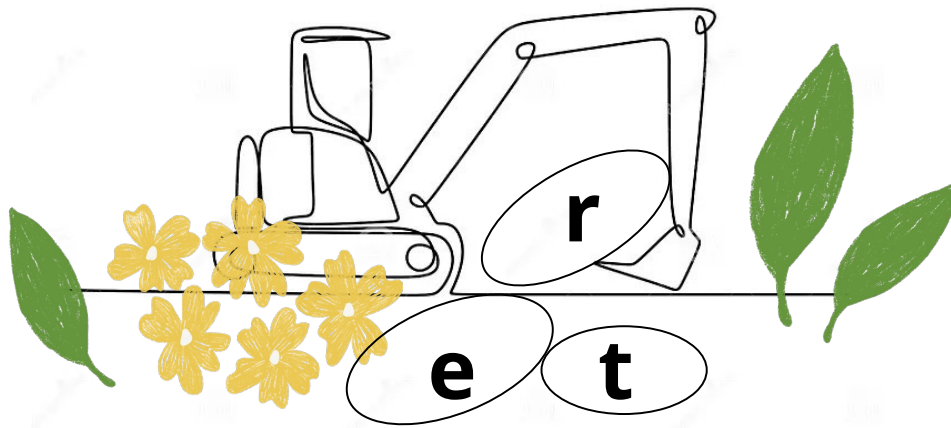




Digger Discovery



What You Need

A toy digger, pebbles & a permanent marker.

Setup

- Write each of your focus letters onto some pebbles.
- You can repeat them several times.
- Scatter some pebbles around the digger.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Beep! Beep! Beep!"

Here comes the digger.

It is going to pick up some rocks.

Look! Here's a rock with an R.

Rrrrr rrrrr rrrrr rrrrr rrrrr.

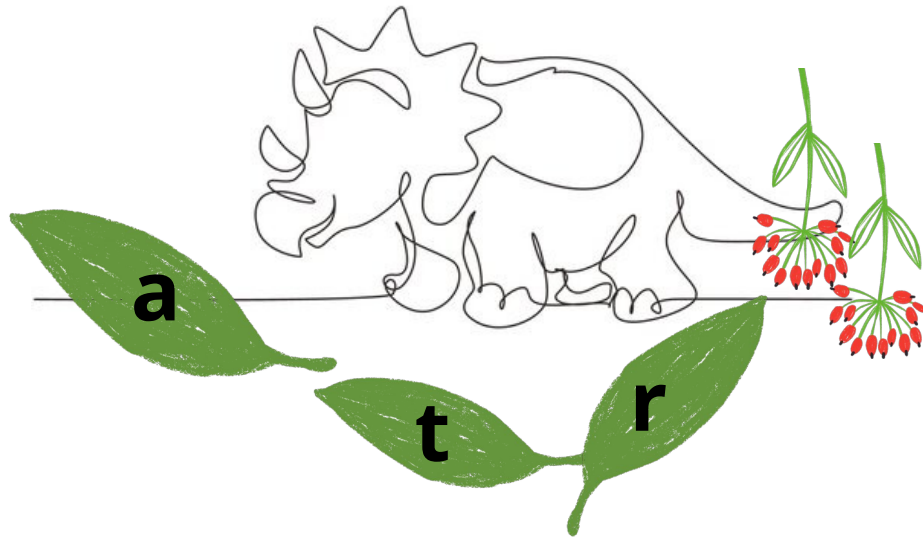
Lets pick up this rock.

Can you find another rock with R?"





Dinosaur Dinner



What You Need

Toy dinosaur, leaves & a permanent marker.

Setup

- Write your four chosen letters onto some leaves with a permanent marker.
- Scatter your leaves around your dinosaur.
- NB Ensure leaves are not poisonous and supervise so they are not eaten

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Here comes the big dinosaur! He's hungry!
Let's feed him some leaves. Here's a yummy leaf.

It's an R. It makes a r sound.

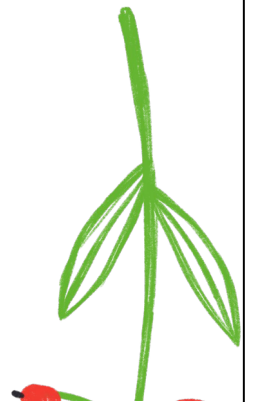
Ouch! The dinosaur bit my finger!

Here's your leaf dinosaur. Eat this.

rrr rrr rrr!

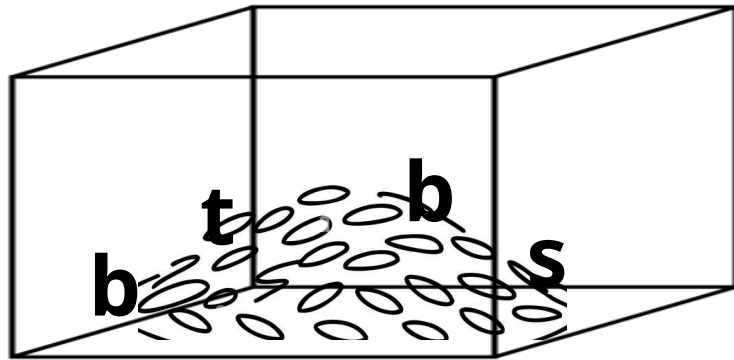
Can we find another leaf with a r sound.

Here it is!"





Rice Hunt



What You Need

Rice, magnetic letters & a container.

Setup

- Pour some rice in a container the size of a shoe box.
- Hide the magnetic letters in the rice.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Wow! Look at this rice.
I thin some of the letters are hiding in it.

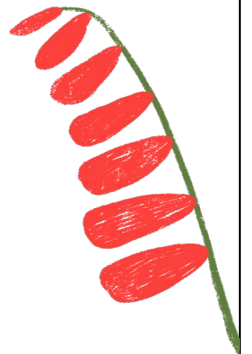
Look! You found a B.

B makes a b sound. B-b-b-b-b.

Great! Here's another B. B-b-b-b-b.

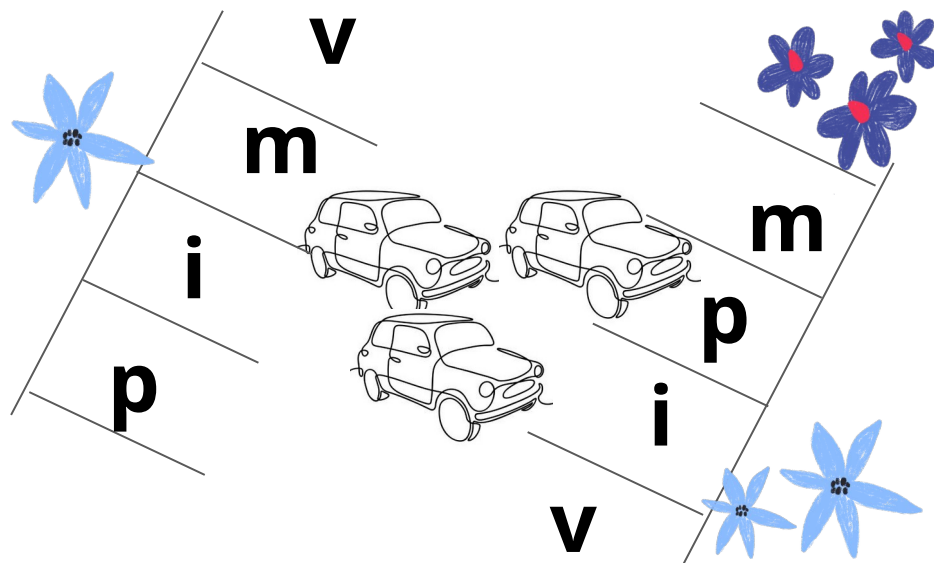
Now you have found an S.

It makes a sssss sound."





Car Parking



What You Need

A piece of a cardboard box, a permanent marker,
Masking tape & 8 toy cars.

Setup

- Draw a simple car park on your piece of cardboard.
- Draw at 8 parking spaces.
- Write a letter in each parking space.
(You can repeat each of your 4 letters)
- Stick masking tape on each of your 8 cars.
- Write a letter on the masking tape on each car.
- The letters should match the letters in the car park.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Here's my car! Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

Look it is an M car.

MMM MMM MMM MMM MMM.

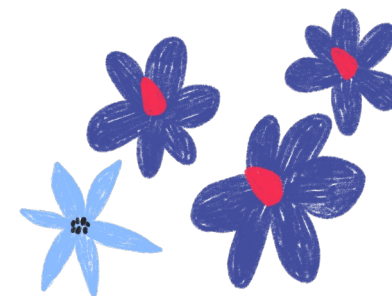
I'm going to drive to the M parking. MMM.

Here's the other M car.

Where can I park it?

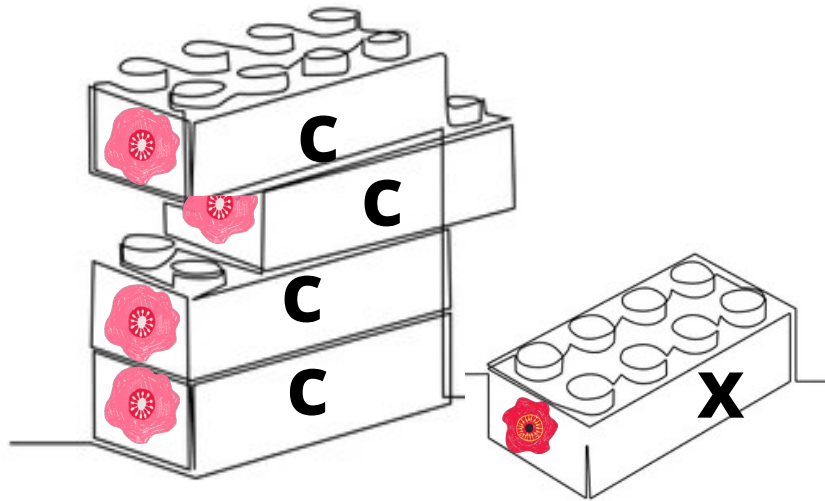
Yes! That's right.

MMM MMM MMM MMM MMM."





Big Block Stack



What You Need

Big blocks, Masking Tape
& A Marker.

Setup

- Gather nine big blocks.
- Put a small strip of masking tape on each one.
- Choose three letters.
- Write each letter three times onto three different blocks.
- Spread out the blocks.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Let's build some towers.

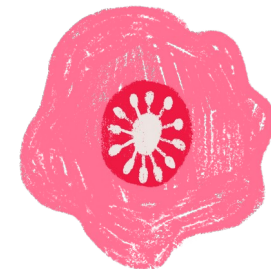
Look, here's the letter C.

C-c-c-c-c.

Here's another block with
the letter C.

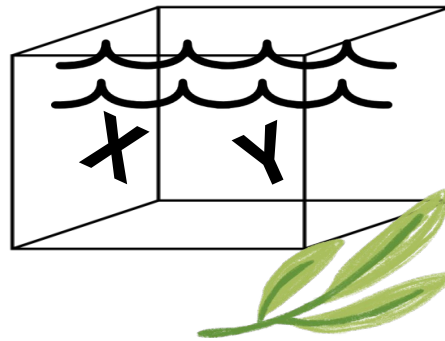
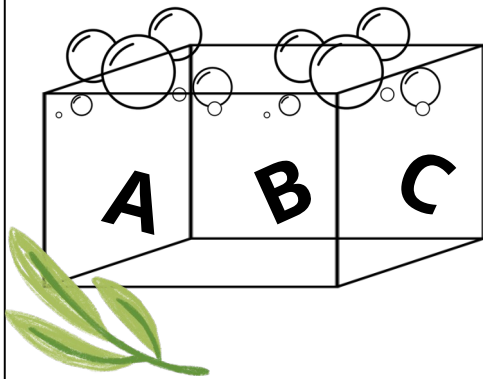
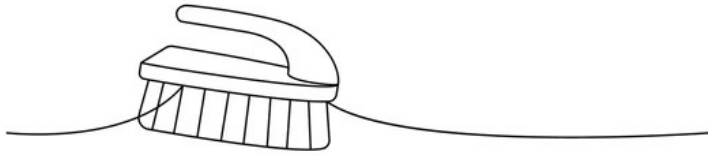
Can you put it on top of the other block.

Great! Here's another C!"





Muddy Letter Wash



What You Need

Two plastic tubs, Water, Soap, Cocoa Powder,
A scrubbing brush, Foam letters.

Setup

- Place water and cocoa in on one tub.
- Add the foam letters.
- Place water and soap in the other tub.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Look at this muddy D.
D-d-d-d-d! It needs a good scrub!"

*Place D in the washing station.

"Scrub! Scrub! Scrub!"

Scrub the D. D-d-d-d-d.

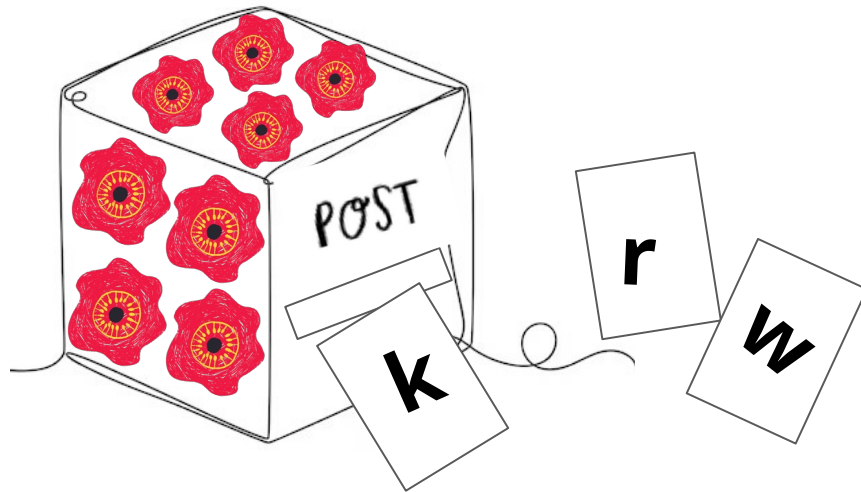
Rub-a-dub-dub!

Scrub D in the tub!"





Post Box



What You Need

An old box, a permanent marker, scissors and letter cards.

Setup

-Cut a slit in a box.

This needs to be big enough to "post" your alphabet letters into the box.

-Write "Post Box" on the top.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Off we go to the post office!

Let's post these letters! Here's a K!
K-K-K-K-K. Let's post the K. K-K-K-K-K.

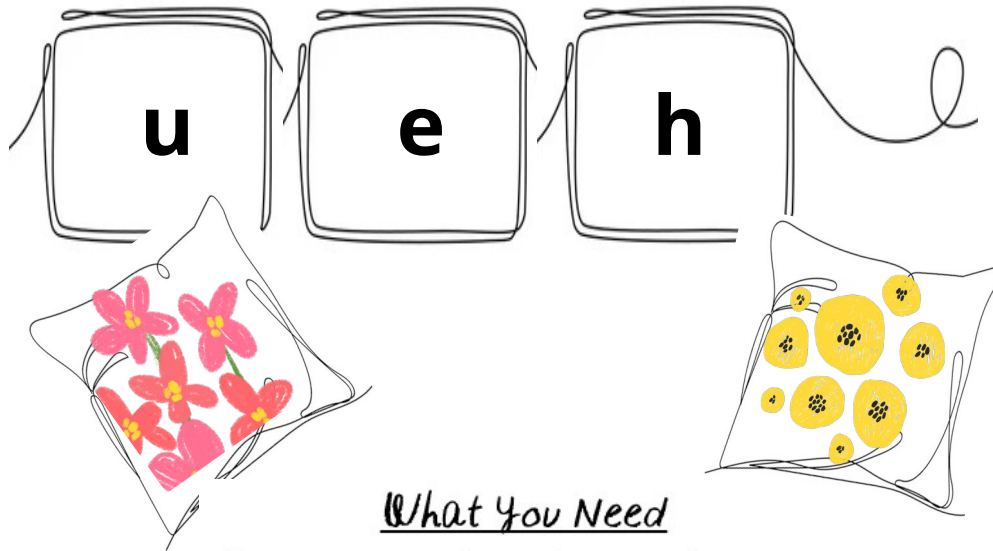
Oooh! What's this?

Yes, it does make a MMMMM sound."





Bean Bag Toss



What You Need

A4 paper, a black marker, masking tape
& bean bags.

Setup

- Write each of your focus letters onto separate pieces of paper.
- Stick the paper to the ground.
- Give your child a bean bag to throw at the letters.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"We are going to play a fun game!
Let's throw our bean bags at the letters
on the ground.

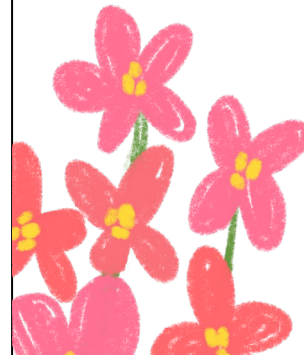
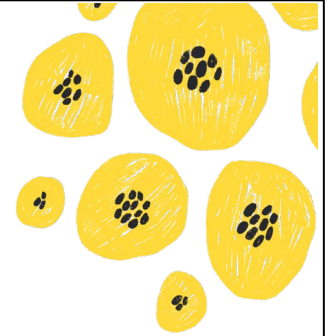
Good job! Look its by the J.

J-j-j-j-j.

Let's go again!

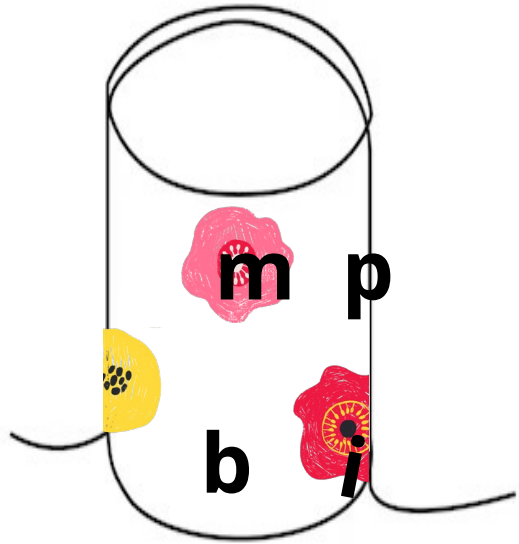
That's an E.

E-e-e-e-e.





Toilet Roll Letters

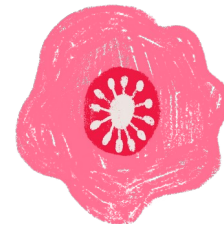


What You Need

Colour dot stickers, a permanent marker
& a toilet roll

Setup

- Write your focus letters on a toilet roll.
- You can repeat each letter more than once.
- Then write the same letters on a corresponding number of dot stickers.



How To Run The Activity

- Your child will choose a letter sticker.
- Help them say the sound and direct them to place the sticker on the corresponding place on the roll.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"I see you've chosen a sticker with a B.

B-b-b-b-b.

Let's find the B on the toilet roll.

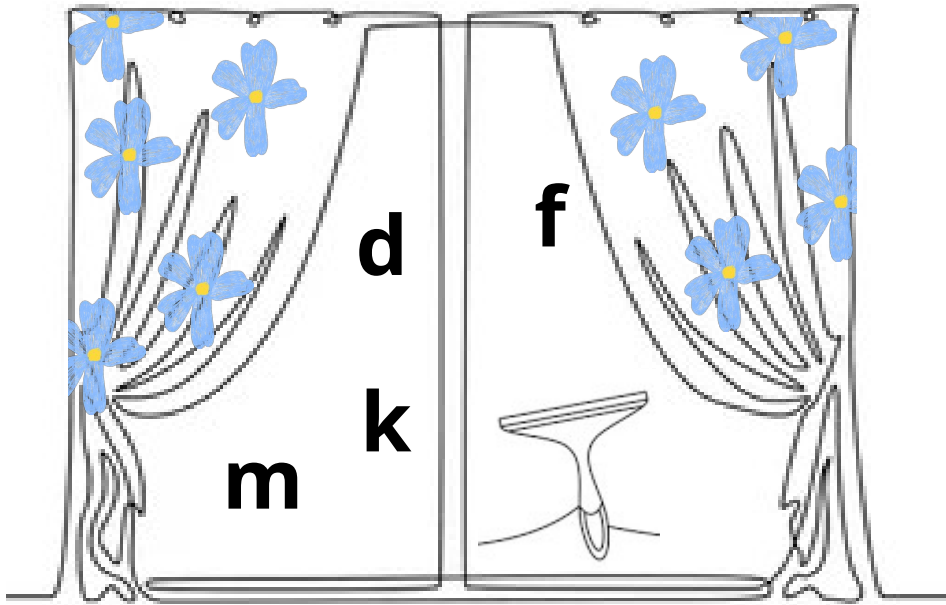
Yes! That's amazing!

B-b-b-b-b!"





Window Wiping



What You Need

A window, a whiteboard marker &
a whiteboard eraser or cloth.

Setup

- Write your chosen letters on the window.
- You can repeat each one several times.
- Make sure there is enough space between each letter.

How To Run The Activity

- Give your child the eraser or cloth.
- Say the sound of one of the letters on the window.
- Your child should try and find the letter and erase it.
- Repeat this process with all letters on the window.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Oh no! Look at this dirty window.
I'm going to need your help to be the chief cleaner.
Can you find the letter that makes the m sound.

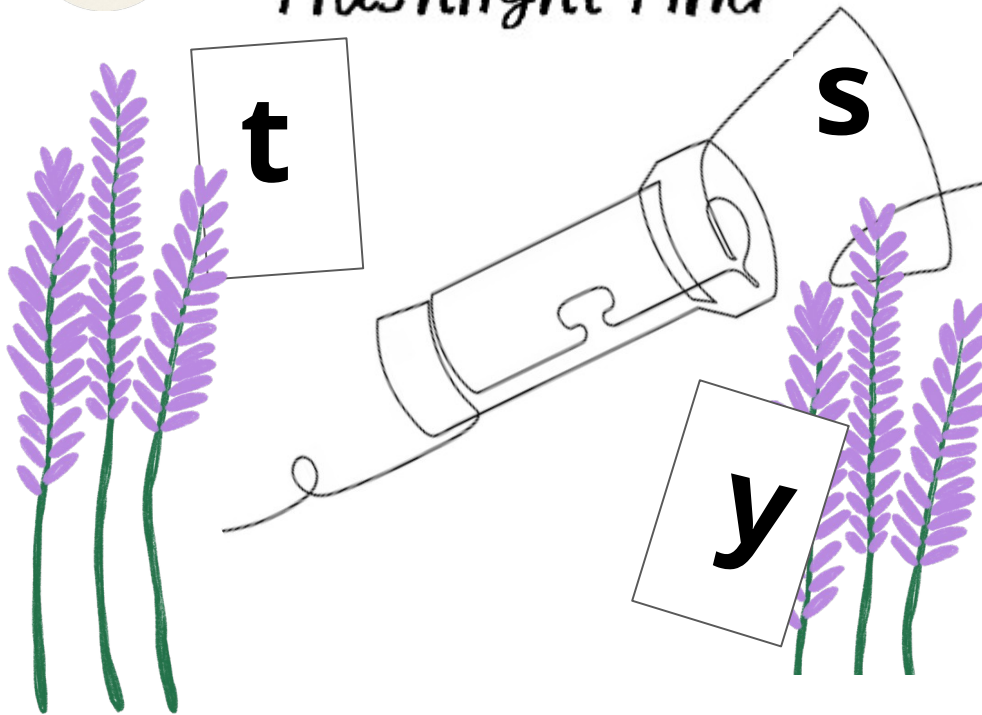
That's right! Please clean it off.

Are there any more Ms.

Yes! Yes! Let's clean them up!



Flashlight Find



What You Need

A flashlight & letter cards.

Setup

- Hide the letter cards in a room.
- Make the room as dark as possible.

How To Run The Activity

- Give your child the flashlight.
- Ask them to look for hidden letter cards in the dark room.
- Say the sounds of the letters as they are found.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Some little letters are hiding in the playroom.

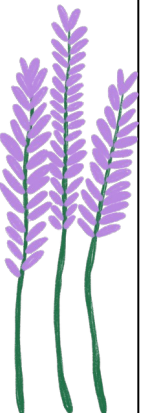
I need your help to find them.

Here is the torch.

Oooh! What's under this chair?

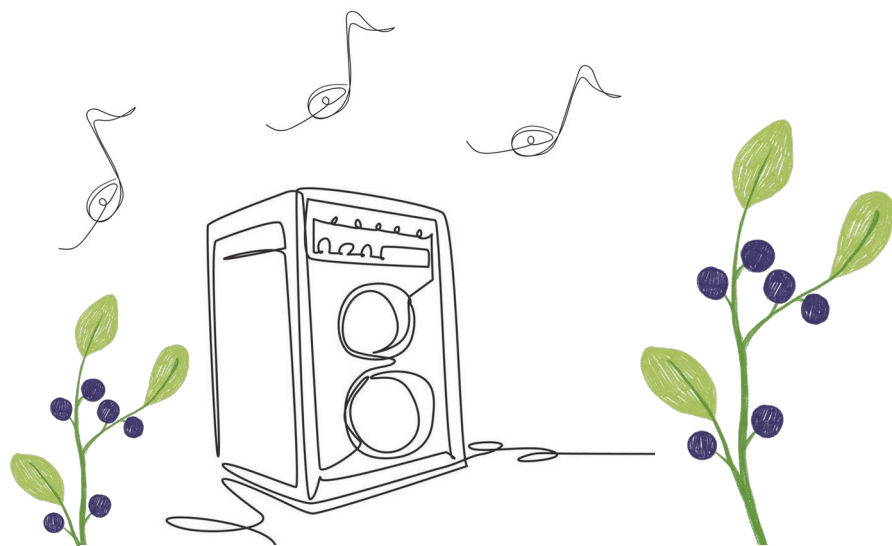
Yes! It's an H. It makes a h sound.

H-h-h-h-h."





Musical Statues



What You Need

A music playing device, several A4 pages, masking tape, & a black marker

Setup

- Write your chosen letters on the A4 pieces of paper.
- You can repeat each letter.
- Spread the A4 pieces of paper on floor.
- Secure them with masking tape.
- Choose a song and put it on pause, ready to be played.

How To Run The Activity

- Explain to your child that you will play some music and they will dance.
- When the music stops, you will say a letter sound.
- Your child will go and stand next to the correct letter.
- Caution them not to run or jump on the letters as they may slip.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Are you ready to boogie?"

I am going to play some music and I want to see your best moves.

Wow! Look at you go!"

"Pause music.

"Can you find the letter y?"

y-y-y-y-y. Good try!

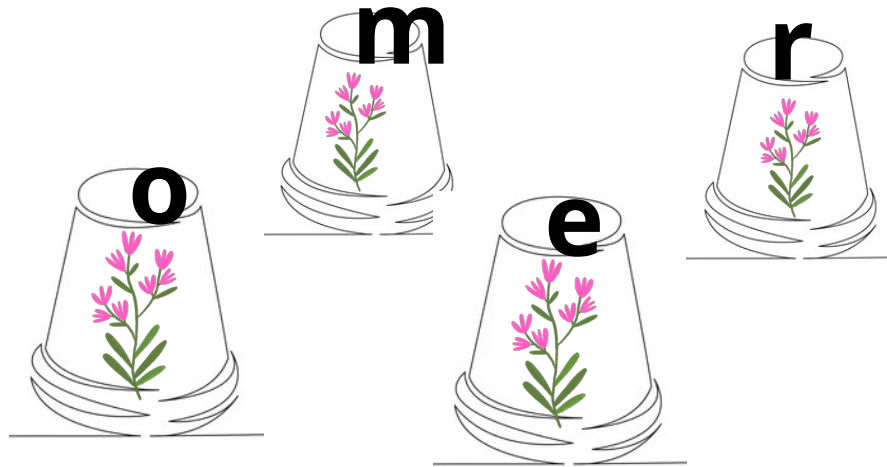
Here's the letter y over here.

y-y-y-y-y!"





Hidden Toys



What You Need

Paper cups, magnetic letters
& a small toy (that can fit under a cup)

Setup

- While your child looks away, hide a the toy
Under one of the upside cups.
- Place a magnetic letter onto of each cup.

How To Run The Activity

- Tell your child that they need to guess where the toy is.
- They have to say the sound of the letter
on a particular cup correctly to see if it is hidden there.
- Keep going until you find the toy.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"I wonder where the little dinosaur is.

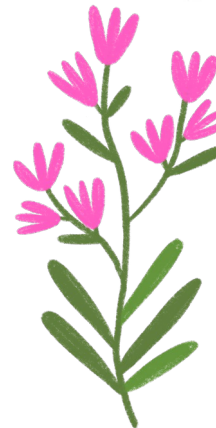
Oh you think it's under there do you?

What sound does that letter make?

It makes a mmmm sound. Remember that sound.

We can try a different cup and then come back to that one.

Remember the sound mmmm."





Spray The Letter



What You Need

A spray bottle, water & chalk.

Setup

- Write your focus letters with chalk on a suitable floor outside.
- You can repeat each letter.
- Fill the spray bottle with water.



How To Run The Activity

- Say a letter sound.
- Ask your child to spray the letter that makes the sound.
- Keep going until all letters have been sprayed.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Look at all these letters on the ground.
I bet you could help me clean them up.
Can you find the letter that makes a z sound?"

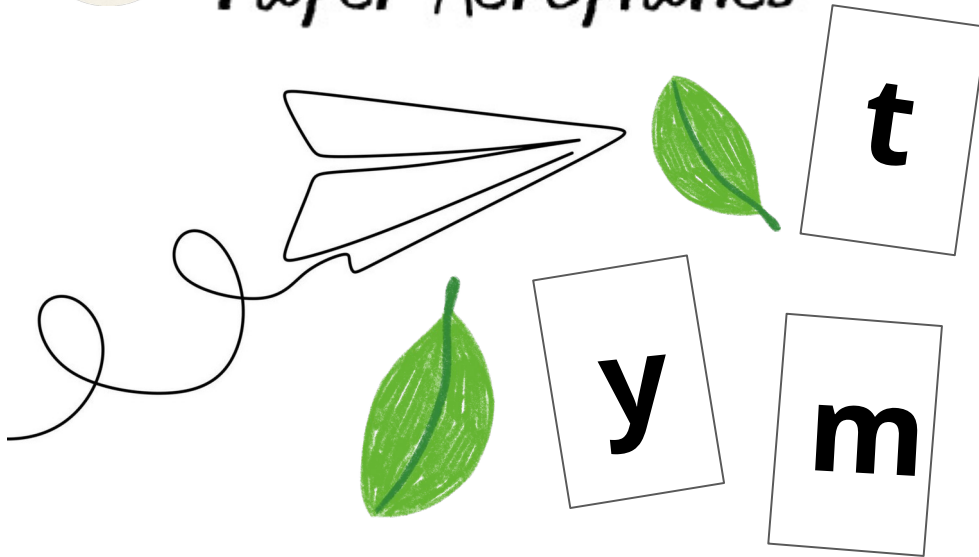
Zzzzz... Yes!

What excellent cleaning!





Paper Aeroplanes



What You Need

Several sheets of A4 paper, a black marker
& masking tape

Setup

- Write each of your chosen letters onto a separate sheet of paper.
- Use the masking tape to stick the sheets of paper onto the floor (approximately a step away from each other).
- Make a paper aeroplane.



How To Run The Activity

- Stand in front of the letters.
- Ask your child to throw the aeroplane towards the letters.
- The child should then try and make the sound of the nearest letter.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

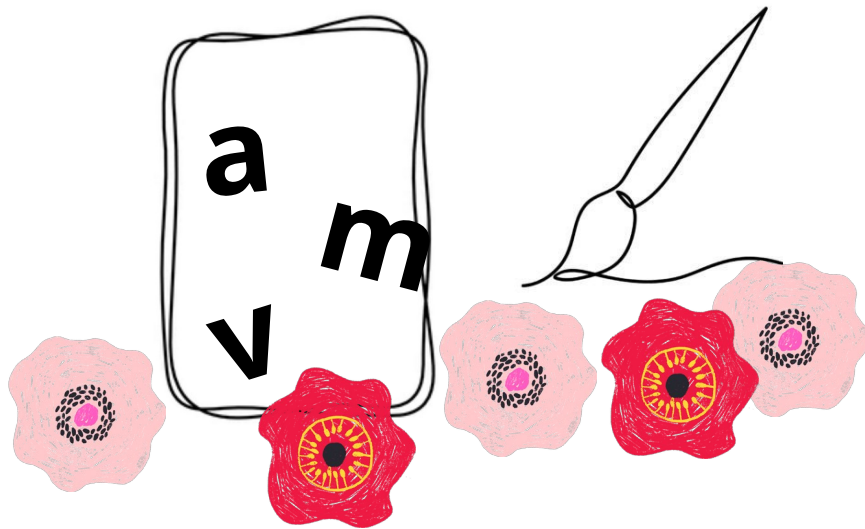
"What a fantastic aeroplane!
Let's see how far it can fly.
Wow! It has landed next to this letter.
It makes a y sound.

y-y-y-y-y!"





Secret Letters



What You Need

Water paints, a paintbrush, a white crayon,
a cup of water & a piece of paper

Setup

- Write your chosen letters on a white piece of paper with a white crayon.
- Pour some water in a cup.

How To Run The Activity

- Give your child a paintbrush.
- Ask them to dip it in some water and then some water paint.
- Then let them paint over the crayon letters.
- Say the sounds as the letters are revealed.

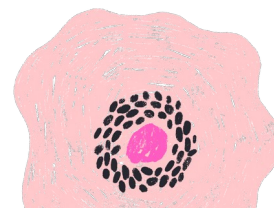
What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Look! You have painted over a v.
V-v-v-v-v.

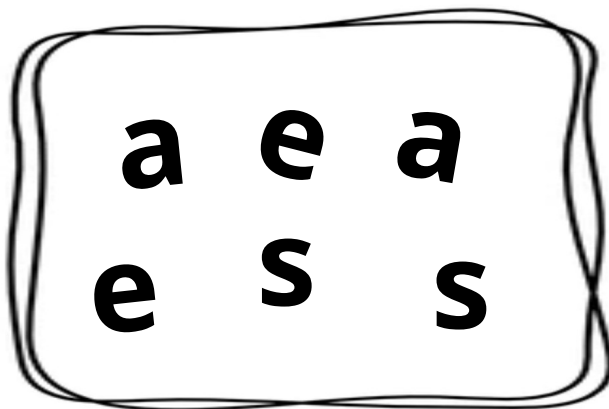
I wonder what you will find next
with your lovely blue paint.

Yes! That M does a mmmmm sound.
Excellent!"





Dots On A Wall

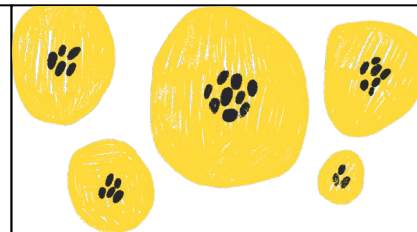


What You Need

Dot stickers, a roll of butcher's paper,
a black marker & masking tape.

Setup

- Stick a large piece of paper onto the wall with some masking tape.
- Write your focus letters on the piece of paper.
- Get your coloured dot stickers.
- Write the same letters (that are on the wall) on your stickers.
- You can repeat each letter several times.



How To Run The Activity

- Choose a sticker.
- Look at the letter and try to make the sound.
- Find the matching letter on the butcher's paper.
- Put the sticker next to its matching letter.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"Let's stick these stickers
next to the matching stickers on the wall.

Here is an S. Sssss...

Can you find the S on the wall?

Amazing! Put your sticker there.

Sssss..."





Memory Match



What You Need

Cardboard, a black marker & scissors

Setup

- Divide a piece of cardboard into 8 rectangles.
- Write a letter in each rectangle.
- Make sure each of your letters is duplicated.
- Cut out your rectangular cards.
- Lay them upside down.



How To Run The Activity

- Pick one card and say the sound.
- Pick another card and say the sound.
- If the two cards have the same letters, you can keep them.
- If they do not match, turn them upside down.
- Then it is the next person's turn.

What To Say

When You Learn Through Play

"I wonder if I can find two matching cards!

Here's a B. B-b-b-b!

What is under this card.

Its a J. J-j-j-j-j.

These don't match. I'll have to turn them around and start again.

