

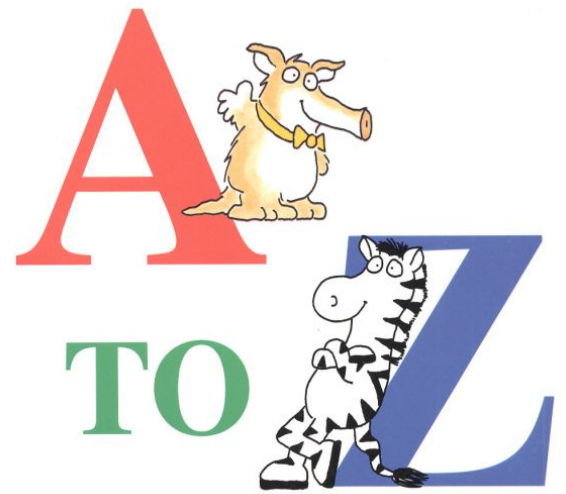
Family Development Time

A to Z by Sandra Boynton

There are alphabet books for every interest, attitude, and purpose. They come in an extraordinary variety of shapes, sizes, colors, illustrations, topics, and words.

Topics for alphabet books seem to cover the full range of human experience: history, country, industry, job or career, science, nature, social awareness, family, and animals.

Most alphabet books are meant to introduce a young child to that basic first step in learning to read: Learning the alphabet. Because they are books to read aloud, they develop skills, and prepare children for the two principal ways in which the school curriculum is taught: seeing and hearing.



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Ways you can use this book

Read the book all the way through with your child.

Point out the letters as you read! – This lets your child know that text has meaning, and that these symbols stand for the letters you are saying.

Make sure you point out that the words both start with that letter too!

A Aardvark Admiring

Make the letter sounds as you read.

/b/ B Beavers Ballooning

Ask your child what other words start with that letter.

What other words start with the letter C?

carrot, car

If they guess wrong, gently correct them.

kangaroo

Say: Kangaroo starts with the letter K, but that was a good guess. C can sometimes make the {c} sound like the letter K, like in Cat and Cup.

If your child is too young to guess words that start with the letter, you can say words that start with these letters.



With young children, point out the animals and make the sounds they make.

The speech sounds easiest for young children to pronounce first are vowels, p, m, h, n, w, b, t, d and syllable shapes tend to come first in speech development (CV = consonant-vowel). Combine the two and you get...animal sounds! Moo. Baa. Neigh. Meow.

Although animal sounds might not seem like actual words, they can help children learn to associate a simple sound with an actual object or picture. Because the sounds are easy to say, children are more likely to imitate them. This helps them make the jump to 'real' words.

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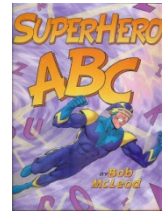
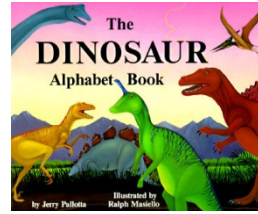
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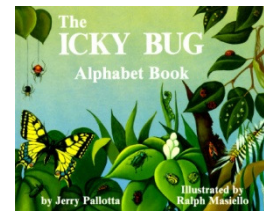
Alphabet books at the library!

Amery, Heather	<u>Alphabet book</u>
Barlow, Amanda	<u>ABC</u>
Boynton, Sandra	<u>A to Z</u>
Bridwell, Norman	<u>Clifford's ABC</u>
Brunhoff, Laurent de	<u>Babar's ABC</u>
Cheney, Lynne V.	<u>America a patriotic primer</u>
Cowley, Stewart	<u>How to have fun with letters</u>
Cronin, Doreen	<u>Click, clack, quackity-quack</u>
Demarest, Chris L.	<u>The cowboy ABC</u>
Demarest, Chris L.	<u>Firefighters, A to Z</u>
Ehlert, Lois	<u>Eating the alphabet</u>
Feelings, Muriel L.	<u>Jambo means hello</u>
Flanagan, Alice K.	<u>A Fox: the sound of X</u>
Fleming, Denise	<u>Alphabet under construction</u>
Freymann, Saxton	<u>Food for thought</u>
Gagliano, Eugene M	<u>C is for cowboy</u>
Isadora, Rachel	<u>On your toes: a ballet ABC</u>
Johnson, Audean	<u>A to Z: look and see</u>
Johnson, Stephen T.	<u>Alphabet city</u>
Joyce, Susan	<u>ABC animal riddles</u>
Leuck, Laura	<u>Jeepeers creepers: a monstrous ABC</u>
London, Jonathan	<u>Do your ABC's, Little Brown Bear</u>
Martin, Bill	<u>Chicka chicka boom boom</u>
Marzollo, Jean	<u>I Spy Little letters</u>
Mecklenburg, Jan	<u>ABC animals</u>
Pallotta, Jerry	<u>The dinosaur alphabet book</u>
Musgrove, Margaret	<u>Ashanti to Zulu</u>
Pallotta, Jerry	<u>The bird alphabet book</u>
Pallotta, Jerry	<u>The Victory Garden alphabet book</u>
Pallotta, Jerry	<u>The icky bug alphabet book</u>
Polacco, Patricia	<u>G is for goat</u>
Rey, H. A.	<u>Curious George learns the alphabet</u>
Rice, James	<u>Cowboy alphabet</u>
Ruurs, Margriet	<u>A mountain alphabet</u>
Schaefer, Lola M.	<u>Wheels, wings, and water ABC</u>
Seeger, Laura Vaccaro	<u>The hidden alphabet</u>
Seuss, Dr.	<u>Dr. Seuss's ABC</u>
Sharar, Connie	<u>ABC dog</u>
Sobel, June	<u>Shiver me letters</u>
Tryon, Leslie	<u>Albert's alphabet</u>

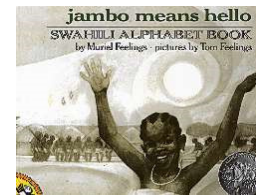
Even after your child knows their ABCs forward and backwards, there are many things they can still learn from Alphabet books!



Alphabet books are great for introducing new vocabulary words.
(ex. Admiring in A to Z by Sandra Boynton).



Alphabet books often contain informative text. They can be used to learn new things Jerry Pallotta's The Icky Bug Alphabet Book provides a mini-science lessons about bugs and other insects.



Alphabet books can provide your child with social studies themes.

Ashanti to Zulu by Margaret Musgrove shows your child the customs of 26 African tribes. Leo and Dianne Dillon illustrated this alphabet book to include as much visual information as possible about each different culture.

Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel Feelings can be used as an in-depth study of one culture.
(This is a Caldecott honor book.)

Alphabet Books Can Be Used With Fluent Readers and Writers by Luethel M. Kormanski and Carol B. Stevens



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