

EASY

EARLY LITERACY GAMES

Level Up To Kindergarten

Try these short, easy-to-play games to practice early literacy skills!

LETTER I-SPY

Being able to recognize letters and their sounds is a critical first step in reading.

LETTER RECOGNITION

Find a sign, box, book, or other object that has a certain letter on it and say "I Spy the letter ____". Let your child search until they find it. Then give your child a turn to find a letter and you search.

LETTER SOUNDS

Find an object that starts with a given letter sound and say "I Spy something that starts with the letter ____". You might want to demo the sound that the letter makes when your child is just stating to identify letter sounds. Let your child search until they find it. Then give your child a turn. You might need to help them identify the letters that go with sounds.



DOES IT RHYME?

Rhyming helps kids recognize patterns in words.

SOUND ALIKES?

Ask your child to listen as you say several words that rhyme or don't rhyme. As you say each word, ask your child "Does that word rhyme (sound like) the last one?" Eventually, you may not need to say "sound like".

Example:
"Bed"
"Led-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?"
"Fed-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?"
"Cat-Does that word rhyme with (sound like) the last one?"

You can also write the words out so your child can see how the letters are alike.



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