

## ACTIVITY: Learning the Names And Sounds

**SKILL:** Learning about Letters  
**CHILD'S AGE:** 3–5



### Why Is This Important?

One part of learning to read is getting to know the letters in the alphabet. Help your child learn the names of the letters and to say the ABCs back to you. As your child gets better at one part of the activity, you can begin the next part. Praise your child often.

### Time

Any time you and your child are together

### What You Need

Some examples of letters – cereal boxes, signs, or magnetic letters

### Here's What to Do

1. Say the whole alphabet with your child. Sing the alphabet song if you know it. Help your child say the alphabet back to you.
2. Ask your child to point to different letters when you name them.
3. Repeat and build on what your child has learned. With your child, find letters on things you see every day. Look on cereal boxes and signs.
4. When your child can point to letters you name, tell your child some of the sounds the letters make.
5. Once your child knows her ABCs, teach your child how to spell her name.

#### Tips

When your child is first learning the sounds the letters make, work with just one or two letters so she does not get confused.

Be creative in teaching your child how to spell her name. Use magnetic letters or letters made out of felt, fabric, or paper.