

Initial Sounds

Teacher's notes:

1. Make a *picture* collection of things beginning with the initial sounds of the alphabet. Stick the pictures on to individual cards. Then write the letters on another set of cards. Now children can match letter cards with picture cards.
2. Make an *object* collection of things beginning with initial sounds.
3. Teach one sound per week. e.g. Week 1 – 'a' is for ant, apple
4. Read the rhymes and ask the children to repeat the rhyme after you line by line. Tell them to listen for the special sound they are learning.
5. Use art materials to make letter shapes. e.g. use play dough sausages, string, paper mosaic, sand.

Initial sounds

a for ant

b for bed

c for cat

d for dog

e for elephant

f for fish

g for gate

h for hand

i for insect

j for jug

k for kangaroo

l for lion

m for mouse

n for net

o for orange

p for panda

qu for queen

r for rain

s for sun

t for tap

u for umbrella

v for violin

w for watch

x *in* x-ray

z for zip

Speech rhymes

a

An ant went up an ant hill (finger play)

An ant went up an ant hill
An ant came down again
An ant went in an apple
An ant came out again

b

Bee Bee

Bee bee, bumble bee
Buzzing in the blossom tree

c

Click Clack

Click clack, front and back
When you close the door.
Click clack front and back
Hear the engine roar.

d

Dan Dan

Dan, Dan, the funny little man,
Washed his face in a frying pan,
Combed his hair with the leg of a chair,
Dan, Dan, the funny little man.

e

Engine Engine

Engine engine number nine
Travelling down the railway like
Now it's nearly half past eight
Hurry, hurry. Don't be late!

f

Fly Kite Fly

Fly kite, fly
High up in the sky
Climb and glide
Swing and slide
Fly, kite, fly.

g

Good night

Good night, Sleep tight
Wake up bright
In the morning light.
Good night, sleep tight
Don't let the bed bugs bite.

h

Humpy Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat in a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the King's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

i

Insect in the ink

Insect in the ink
Inky plinky plink
He went to have a drink
Inky plinky plink.

j

Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick
Jack jump over the candle stick

k

Animals with fur

Koalas, kangaroos and kittens
Never have to wear mittens
God gave them warm fur
That's why kittens purr.

l

Little worm

Little worm, little worm
Wriggling on your belly
Perhaps you'd like to come inside
And see what's on the telly.

m

Mary Mary

Mary, Mary, quite contrary
How does your garden grow
With silver bells and cockle shells
And pretty maids all in a row.

n

Nine little rabbits

Nine little rabbits are eating
Nibbledy nibbledy nib
They only stop when they're sleeping
Nibbledy nibbledy nod.

o

Orange Octopus (finger play)

Orange octopus lives under the sea
Oh-o he's following me!

p

Pat-a-cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B'
And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Pussy Cat

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?
I've been to London to visit the queen.
Pussy cat, pussy cat, what happened there?
I frightened a little mouse under the chair.

q

Quick as a flash

Quick as a flash

Go for a dash

r

Rain, rain

Rain, rain, go away

Come again another day

Rain, rain, go away,

Don't come back till planting day.

s

The swan

The swan swam over the sea

Swim, swan, swim.

The swan swam back again.

Well swum swan.

t

Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around

Teddy bear teddy bear touch the ground

Teddy bear teddy bear show your shoe

Teddy bear teddy bear that will do.

U

Up went the umbrella

Up went the umbrella

Up, up, up.

Along came the wind,

Puff, puff, puff.

Away went the umbrella

Up, up and away.

V

Vegetable man

Victor Vee the vegetable man

Found himself inside a can.

W

Wet Washing

Wet washing hanging on the line

Drying very quickly when the weather's fine

Along comes the wind and blows it all about

Flip flap, flip flap, blowing in and out.

X

Fox in socks

Mr. Fox lives in a box

With ticking clocks

And orange socks.

y

Yawning Yak

To see a yak yawning is a sight!
He yawns and yawns with all his might.
He yawns and yawns all day and night.

z

Zoe Zebra

Zoe Zebra lives in the zoo
Zara Zebra lives there too
Zoe like it in the zoo
Zara Zebra likes it too.

Final test

Copy each letter 4 times and draw something that begins with that letter.

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