



Matching Letters to Sounds

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Up until now, your child has only been learning how to identify and manipulate sounds. In this lesson, we are introducing a new skill called “letter-sound correspondence” that relates not only to the sounds in words, but also to the letters that represent them. Letter-sound correspondence is the ability to recognize both the letters that represent sounds, and the sounds that represent letters.

Learning this skill is essential for your child’s language learning journey for two main reasons:

- (1) For them to learn how to read, they will need to know which sound each letter makes, and
- (2) for them to learn how to spell and write, they will need the knowledge of which letter represents each sound they are pronouncing.

The process of teaching your child the letters and their corresponding sounds is best done one letter at a time. There hasn’t been any strict established order by which they are taught, but it is considered efficient to teach them based on frequency of use and ease of production. Thus, as suggested by the Literacy Instruction website, a good order to teach letter-sound correspondence is the following: a, m, t, p, o, n, c, d, u, s, g, h, i, f, b, l, e, r, w, k, x, v, y, z, j, q.

Activities






Activities are a great way to help your child practice the knowledge they acquire. One tool you might find handy while teaching letter-sound correspondence is alphabet flashcards. They can be used in several activities at home. The simplest way to utilize these flashcards is by either showing your child the card and having them say its corresponding sound, or you say a sound and they have to produce the letter that represents it. Another fun activity you can perform using flashcards is a miniature scavenger hunt. Fill a sensory bin with sand, and hide small items from around the house in it. Have your child find the items, name them, and place each on the letter it starts with on its corresponding flashcard.


Another useful companion to teaching letter-sound correspondence is worksheets. You can find various educational worksheets on our Kids Academy website to offer your child as revision at the end of the lesson. Start with this easy colorful “[What Sound is it?](#)”

worksheet, where your kid will name the image, and then identify the missing sound and circle the letter corresponding to it.

What Sound is It?

Say what you see in the pictures.
Circle the correct letters to complete the words.

 ca?	t p
 ba?	g t
 ?all	b w
 ?ock	s r
 b?g	a u





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The below “[Word Matching Game](#)” worksheet is a bit more challenging as it tests the child’s reading abilities using words that look and sound quite similar. For example, one of the exercises is the image of a bee, and the child is supposed to match it to one of three words: 'bee', 'ball' and 'tree'.

Word Matching Game

Say what you see in the picture. Trace on the dotted line to match each picture with the correct word.

 <p>mop</p> <p>drop</p> <p>mug</p>	 <p>bee</p> <p>ball</p> <p>tree</p>
 <p>duck</p> <p>log</p> <p>dog</p>	 <p>door</p> <p>deer</p> <p>book</p>

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Finally, this “Pick a Picture” worksheet is the opposite of the previous one. Your child will work on their word recognition skills through reading a word, then circling the correct image.

Pick a Picture!



Read the word. Circle the picture that matches the word.

cake



bell



tree



bear



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By the end of this lesson, your emerging reader will be able not only to recognize letters and their corresponding sounds, but also to blend sounds together and segment them in order to make and recognize words. These skills are the stepping stones towards their future reading and writing.