

Letter A

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Now that your child is in pre-kindergarten, it is time to start learning the **ABCs**! It is such an exciting time for both of you. Nothing beats the feeling of hearing your child singing the alphabet song with pride. An efficient way to learn the ABCs seamlessly is adopting the “Letter of the Week” strategy. Using this approach acquaints the child with the shape and sound of each letter and helps establish a relation between the two. It is best to learn the letters in alphabetical order, starting with the letter A.

Activities

The first step towards learning the letter A is to familiarize your child with its shape. After they get a good hang of the shape and name of the letter A, you can start introducing the sounds the letter makes. Here are some tips on how to do that:

1. Write the letter of the week in upper and lower case on a small board, starting with the letter "Aa" on the first week, and display it somewhere around the study area.
2. Watch the "**Letter A**" video lesson by Kids Academy together to learn more about the letter's name, shape, and sounds.

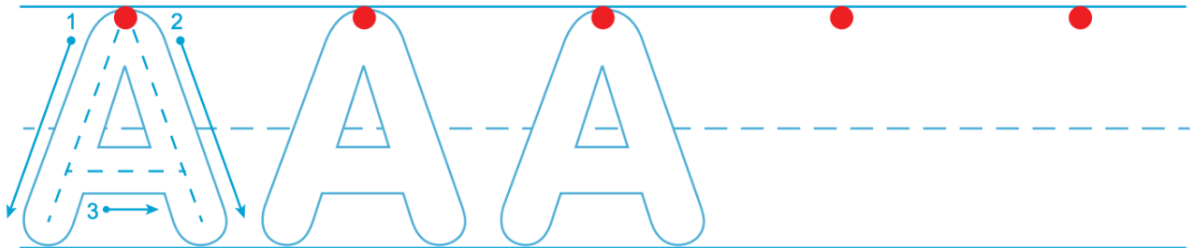


Watch on [YouTube](#)

3. Ask your kid to describe what the letter looks like. For example, the uppercase A is made of two inclined lines and a horizontal line; it has a sharp head; it has a triangle on top; it has two legs...
4. Trace the letter A in both upper and lower case. You can print out this [Letter A Tracing worksheet](#) from Kids Academy and start with the first exercise. Find the red dot and start tracing from there. After getting acquainted with the shape of the letter, you can move on to the second exercise to relate the shape of the letter Aa with the sound it produces. In the case of this worksheet, your child will learn that the letter A produces the first sound in the words "alligator" and "apple".

Aa

Trace and write the capital letter **A**.
Start at the big red dot.



Trace and write the lowercase letter **a**.
Start at the big red dot.



Trace the **A** and the **a** to complete each word.

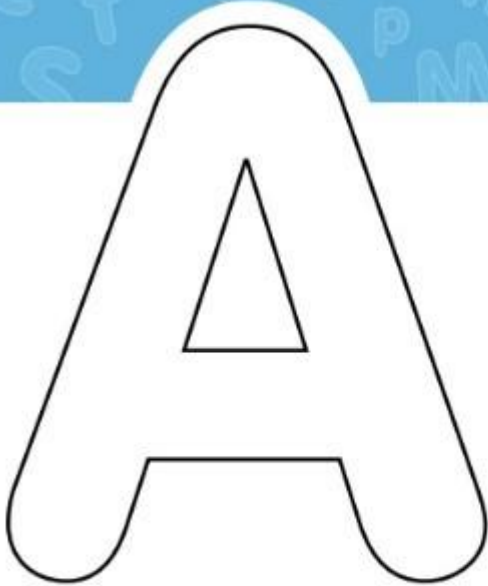


5. Color the letter in this Kids Academy [Letter A Coloring Sheet](#), then color the images of the words that start with this letter, "ant" and "apple". Emphasize the sound the

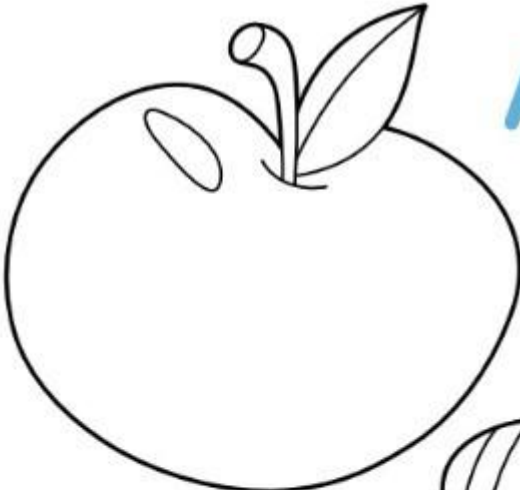
letter makes at the beginning of the words provided in the worksheet.

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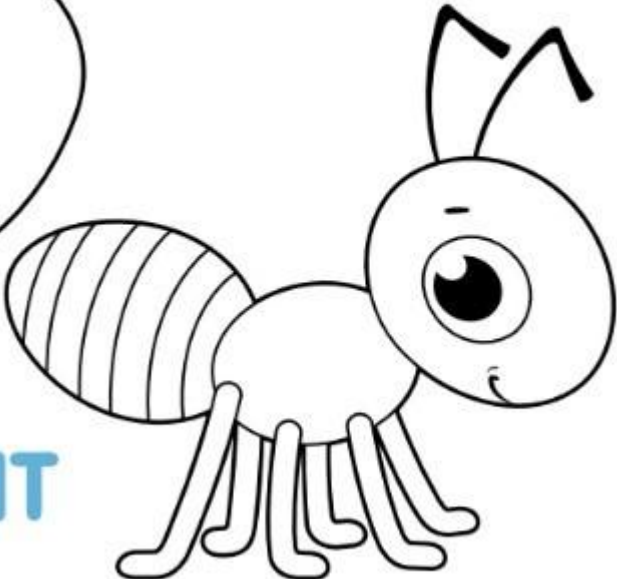
Color in the letter "A".




Say the name of each picture. What letter do those words start with?
Color in the images below.



APPLE



ANT

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- Use crafts to reinforce the relation between the letter's shape and sound. For example, you can make an "alligator" out of the letter A. All you need is two googly eyes and small triangles cut from white paper. Then, draw a big "A" on a piece of paper or cardboard, and stick the googly eyes on the outer side of the letter "A" with the triangles inside of it on both sides as if they are teeth.

These activities will help your child learn how to identify the letter "A" within a text, and how to pronounce it. They also serve as practice for the future skill of writing it. Now that they are done with the first letter, they can move on to the second [letter B](#).

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