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Letter **R**

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R you ready to teach your preschooler the letter R? As a first step, it's always a good step to put up the letter understudy on a "Letter of the Week" board where you draw or print out the letter you're planning on teaching your child this week to offer your child constant visual access to the letter. This letter can be fun to play with, one way to introduce it to your child that will help them retain the association between the letter, its name, and its sound is by pretending to be pirates and making the famous pirate sound together. "Arrrr!"

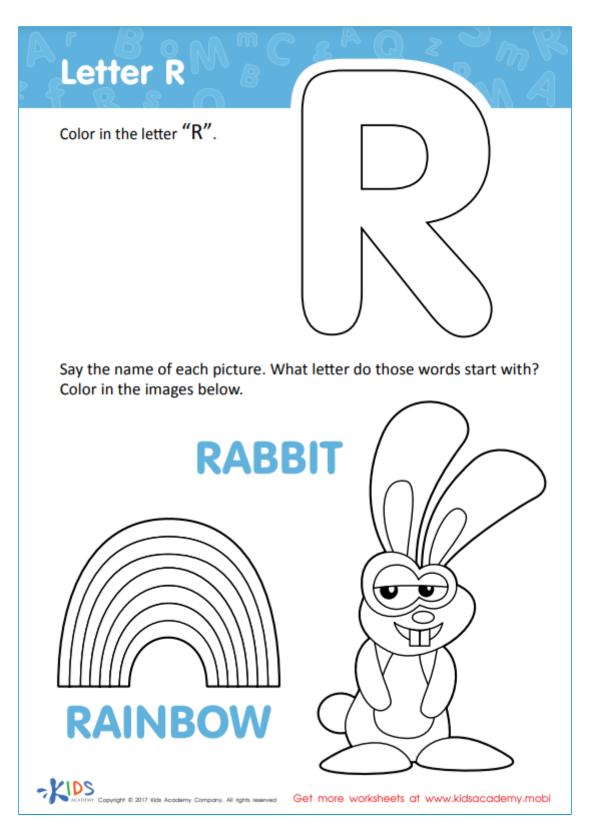
You can also offer your child several different activities over the course of a week to make the process of learning more fun. But first, make use of this Kids Academy educational Letter R Video that introduces your child to the name, shape, and sound of this letter using captivating animations.



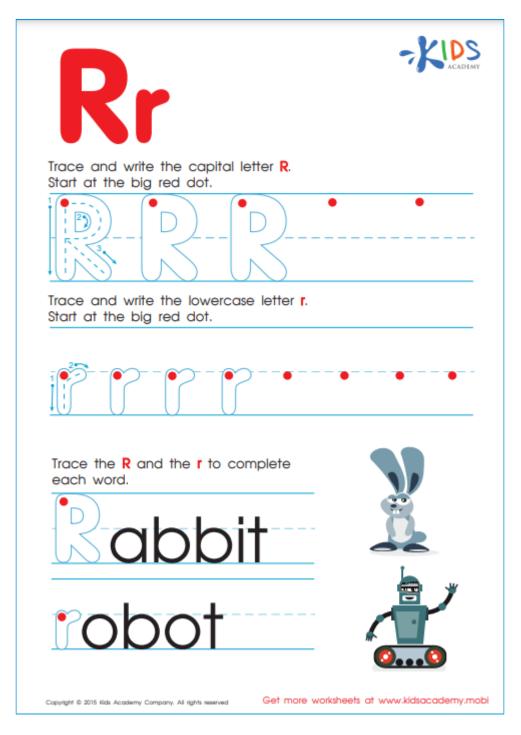
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Activities

• Letter R Coloring Sheet: To start off with this letter, you can offer your child this Kids Academy Letter R coloring worksheet to get them acquainted with its shape and sound. Let them pour their creativity into coloring the bubble letter R on the worksheet and use all the colored pens and pencils they'd like to color with. They will also get the chance to color in a cute rabbit and a rainbow. This can also be a great teaching opportunity to teach them the colors of the rainbow.



• Letter R Tracing Sheet: This tracing worksheet is designed to help your child learn the shape of the letter R in both its uppercase and lowercase forms, while harnessing their fine motor skills. The first exercise focuses mainly on the shape of the letter, while the second exercise focuses on both the shape and sound of it, through tracing the letter and associating it with the words 'rabbit' and 'robot' that are provided in the worksheet with their respective images.



- R is for Rabbit: This activity consists of making the shape of a rabbit out of the letter R. It can either be made very simple or intricate. The simple version would be printing out the letter R on a piece of paper, and having your child draw rabbit ears, a fluffy tail, some whiskers and eyes onto the letter. Another more intricate but engaging way would be using cutouts and other material. Cut out a letter R and the shape of two rabbit ears out of construction paper, Get a big piece of cotton for the tail, some colorful pipe cleaners for the whiskers and a pair of googly eyes. Now let your child take the lead and produce some fun and quirky pieces of art!
- Rainbow Rs: Print out a rainbow, and many letters R in the seven colors of the rainbow. Cut the Rs into individual pieces and have your child glue each R to its respective color on the rainbow. You can also make it using both uppercase and lowercase forms of the letter.

• Letter R Sorting: For this activity, you'll need two baskets and some rocks. You can use the help of your child to collect the rocks from the great outdoors! On half of the collected rocks, write the letter R in its uppercase form, and on the other half write a lowercase r. Place two baskets at each end of the room, and scatter the rocks on the floor. Now let your child run around to sort each form in a separate basket. This activity is not only an educational one, but is also a great physical exercise to get all the wiggles out.

Offering your child one of these activities everyday for a week can be more than enough to help them get a good hold of the letter R. For more educational materials, check out our Kids Academy website.



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