

Alphabet Chant

How to support your child with learning the Alphabet at home



FFT Success for All's Alphabet Chant is an interactive rhyme used at the start of children's reading journey to help them learn the names of the alphabet. Children become confident with the alphabet by saying the chant and using accompanying actions.

We have put this short guide so all the family can join in!

Learn the Alphabet together using this video link:

<https://vimeo.com/874793947/48255bd29b?share=copy>

Or you can scan this QR Code



We hope you have fun!

Please note, that the Alphabet Chant is not the order in which children learn the phonic code for reading. Please see <https://parents.fft.org.uk> for further information.

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A	is for a pple	Pretend to take a bite of an apple.
B	is for b at and b all	Pretend to hit a ball with a bat.
C	is for c aterpillar climbing up the wall	Make a 'c' shape with finger and thumb, then crawl it up your arm.
D	is for d inosaur	Make dinosaur jaws with your arms.
E	is e lephant	Clasp hands, bend over and wave your 'trunk'.
F	is for f lower – what a pretty scent!	Pretend to smell a flower that you are holding.
G	is for g irl	Girls point to themselves; boys point to a girl.
H	is for h orse	Gallop on the spot.
I	is for i nsect crawling up my shorts!	Place one hand on your leg and mime an insect crawling.
J	is for j ump	Raise your arms high up in the air and leap once.
K	is for k angaroo	Hop three times.
L	is for l egs walking to the zoo	Shake your legs and point to them. Walk on the spot.
M	is for m ountain	Make a mountain by placing your arms above your head.
N	is for n et	Hold your arms to the side, making a circle shape.
O	is for o ctopus wiggly and wet	Wave your arms around.
P	is for p arrot	Open and close one hand to make the mouth of a talking parrot.
Q	is for q ueen	Place an imaginary crown on your head.
R	is for r abbit hopping on the green	Hop with your hands on your head like long ears.
S	is for s nake	Squirm your whole body like a snake.
T	is for t ower	Stand very tall and stretch your arms out from your shoulders in the shape of a 't'.
U	is for u mbrella – keeps you dry in a shower	Pretend to open an umbrella.
V	is for v ulture	Make a 'v' shape with your arms and bring them down to imitate a vulture.
W	is for w orm	Wiggle your finger like a worm.
X	is for e xercise we all take a turn	Do star jumps and have the children follow you.
Y	is for y o-yo	Pretend to make a yo-yo go down and up.
Z	Z ip starts with Z	Pretend to zip up your coat.
	Now I know my alphabet They're all in my head	Pat hands on your head and smile.