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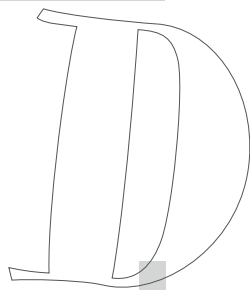
Letter Review

After introducing a series of letters, try this activity. List the letters you want children to review (four to eight letters work well). Have children write each letter on a large scrap of paper. Ask the class a question such as "What letter sound do you hear at the beginning of the word apple?" Have children respond by holding up one of their letters.



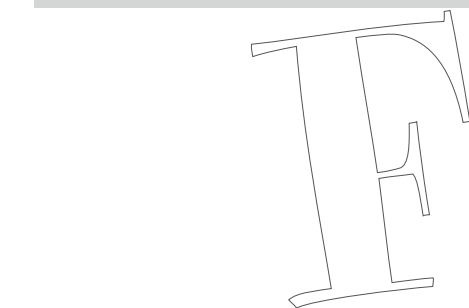
Letter Posters

Have children look through magazines and cut out letters. To make ABC posters, have them glue their letters on a sheet of poster board in alphabetical order.



Short Vowel Flowers

Use the patterns on page 5 to show different vowel sounds. Call out a "short a" word that uses the letters, such as cat. Go through all the words on each flower. Take children outside to use sidewalk chalk on the pavement to make flower vowel words.

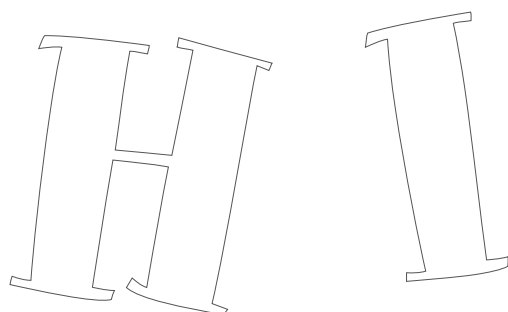
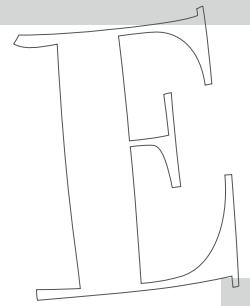


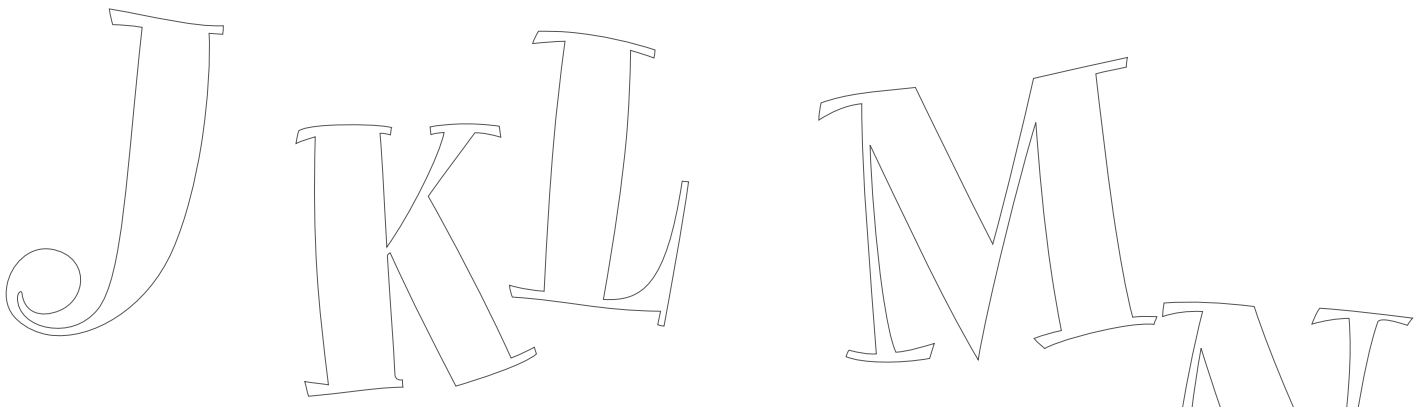
Hop and Spell

This fun game encourages thinking and letter recognition. Write letters of the alphabet that you have been studying on separate sheets of paper. Place the letters close together on the floor in random order. Ask a child to hop on a letter and then think of a word that begins with that letter. If correct, the child hops on the next letter and thinks of a matching word and so on.

Midnight Letters

Have children sit close together, then darken the room. Hand a flashlight to one child. Let the child "write" a letter on the ceiling using the flashlight. Let the other children try to guess the letter. After the letter has been guessed, the flashlight should be passed to another child. Continue until all children have had a chance to play.

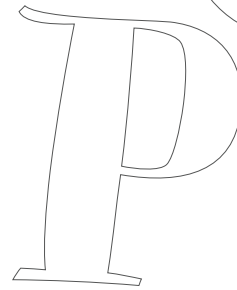
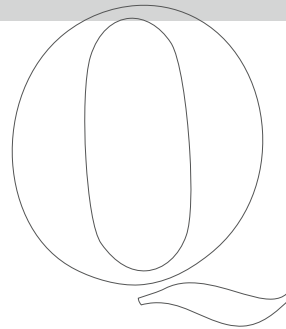
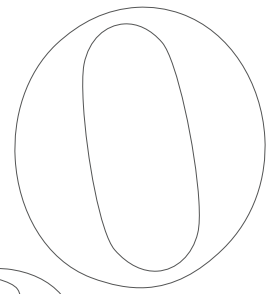




Colorful Place Mats and Place Cards

Reproduce the clip art letters on pages 25-26 and let children make place mats. Have them decorate 9" x 12" sheets of paper with the letters and creative designs.

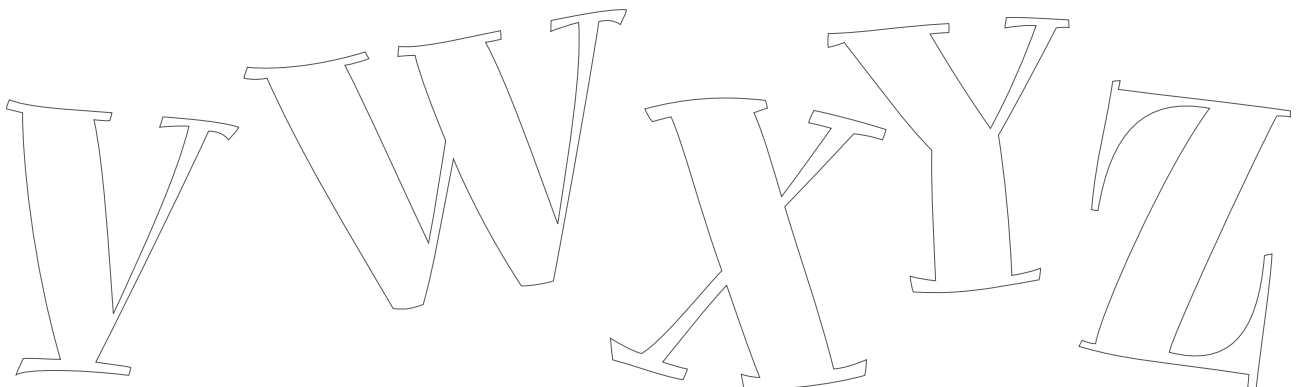
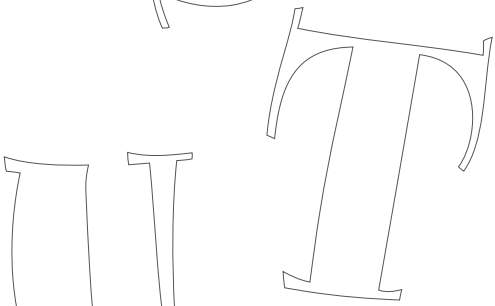
For place cards, instruct children to fold 3" x 5" index cards in half. Cut out a letter from the clip art pages that is the beginning letter of their name. Glue it on the card. Then have children finish writing their names.



ABC Magnets

Cut letters from craft foam sheets and place a magnet on the back of each. On a magnetic board, help children spell simple three-letter words.

(These letters also work great for bulletin boards and are durable.)



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