

ABC Photo Magnet Activity Set

Here's What You Get!

- 78 Alphabet Photo Magnets (3 for each alphabet letter)
- 26 Alphabet Writing Strips
- 1 Teacher's Activity Guide

Introduction

Knowing about letters and sounds is the foundation for learning to read and write, and an essential skill in reading proficiency. This skill helps children decode text and apply alphabetic principles to word recognition. As children begin to notice print in their environment, they begin to understand that written letters represent words, ideas, and concepts.

The Excellerations® ABC Photo Magnet Activity Set provides opportunities for young children to develop phonetic awareness, associate letters and sounds, and practice writing upper and lowercase letters. The photo and writing strip magnets can be used with any magnet board or magnetic surface to enhance learning. Appealing photos of familiar (and unfamiliar) objects encourage vocabulary development too!

Use the Excellerations® ABC Photo Magnet Activity Set to address these Head Start Early Childhood Language and Literacy Learning Outcomes:

Phonological Awareness

Goal P-LIT 1 Child demonstrates awareness that spoken language is composed of smaller segments of sound.

Print & Alphabet Knowledge

Goal P-LIT 3 Child identifies letters of the alphabet and produces correct sounds associated with letters

Writing

Goal P-LIT 6 Child writes for a variety of purposes using increasingly sophisticated marks.

Suggested Activities

Beginning Consonant Sounds

Give the child several Alphabet Photo Magnets, three of which start with the same consonant. For example, you could select banana, butterfly, balloon, and cat. Have the child identify each picture. Select a photo, emphasizing the sound of the first letter. Invite the child to find the other two pictures with the same sound. Repeat with other pictures and beginning sounds. If appropriate, point to the word on each picture, noting the beginning letter. Modify this activity by having the child select the picture that does not begin with the same sound as the others. Make this activity more challenging by including more pictures.

ABC Photo Magnet Activity Set (continued)**Adding Vowels**

When the child becomes proficient at identifying some beginning consonant sounds, add the beginning vowel sounds. Note that each letter has two pictures with a short vowel sound and one picture with a long vowel sound. The different sounds that one letter can make might be very interesting to some children! Be sure to help the child identify the beginning letter in each written word to reinforce that all three pictures begin with the same letter, even if the sound is different.

Writing Letters

Give the child an Alphabet Writing Strip. Ask him to find the pictures that begin with the letter on the strip and place them together or on a magnetic surface. Then invite him to trace each letter with a dry-erase marker. Encourage him to say the letter and the words that begin with that letter to reinforce phonological awareness.

Who Has It?

Distribute some of the Alphabet Writing Strips so that each child has one or more. Ask the children to write the letters on their strips using the guidelines provided. Then hold up an Alphabet Photo Magnet and invite the children to identify the beginning sound and letter. Who has the Writing Strip with that letter? Continue so that everyone receives at least one picture to match the letter on her strip.

The Alphabet Song

Distribute all the Alphabet Writing Strips. Review the letter or letters each child has. Have the children write the letters on their strips using the guidelines provided. As each letter in the Alphabet Song is sung, invite the child who has that letter to hold it up high. Adding physical activity will support the cognitive learning process, and add a sense of delightful anticipation.



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