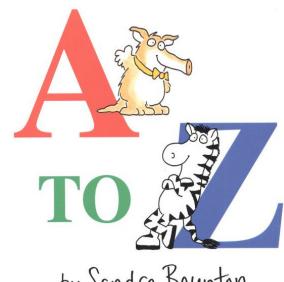
Family Development Time

A to Z by Sandra Boynton

There are alphabet books for every interest, attitude, and purpose. They come in an extraordinary variety of shape, size, color, illustration, topic, and word.

Topics for alphabet books seem to cover the full range of human experience: history, country, industry, job or career, science, nature, social awareness, family, animal.

Most alphabet books are meant to introduce a young child to that basic first step in learning to read: Learning the alphabet. Because they are books to read aloud, they develop skill in, and prepare children for the two principal ways in which the school curriculum is taught: Seeing and hearing.



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Ways you can use this book

Read the book all the way through with your child.

Point out the letters as you read! – This lets your child know that text has meaning, and that these symbols stand for the letters you are saying.

Make sure you point out that the words both start with that letter too!

A Aardvark Admiring

Make the letter sounds as you read.

/b/ B Beavers Ballooning

Ask your child what other words start with that letter.

What other words start with the letter C? *carrot, car*

If they guess wrong, gently correct them. *kangaroo*

Say: Kangaroo starts with the letter K, but that was a good guess. C can sometimes make the {c} sound like the letter K, like in Cat and Cup.

If your child is too young to guess words that start with the letter, you can say words that start with these letters.

With young children, point out the animals and make the sounds they make.

The speech sounds easiest for young children to pronounce first are vowels, p, m, h, n, w, b, t, d and syllable shapes tend to come first in speech development (CV = consonant-vowel). Combine the two and you get...animal sounds! Moo. Baa. Neigh. Meow.

Although animal sounds might not seem like actual words, they can help children learn to associate a simple sound with an actual object or picture. Because the sounds are easy to say, children are more likely to imitate them. This helps them make the jump to 'real' words. (Becca Jarzynski, M.S., CCC-SLP, a pediatric speech-language pathologist, http://www.talkingkids.org)



Alphabet books at the library!

Amery, Heather <u>Alphabet book</u>

Barlow, Amanda ABC
Boynton, Sandra A to z

Bridwell, Norman <u>Clifford's ABC</u>
Brunhoff, Laurent de <u>Babar's ABC</u>

Cheney, Lynne V.

Cowley, Stewart

Cronin, Doreen

America a patriotic primer

How to have fun with letters

Click, clack, quackity-quack

Demarest, Chris L.

Demarest, Chris L.

Ehlert, Lois

Feelings, Muriel L.

Flanagan, Alice K.

The cowboy ABC

Firefighters, A to Z

Eating the alphabet

Jambo means hello

A fox: the sound of X

Fleming, Denise Alphabet under construction

Freymann, Saxton Food for thought
Gagliano, Eugene M C is for cowboy

Isadora, Rachel On your toes: a ballet ABC

Johnson, Audean <u>A to Z: look and see</u>

Johnson, Stephen T. Alphabet city

Joyce, Susan <u>ABC animal riddles</u>

Leuck, Laura <u>Jeepers creepers: a monstrous</u>
London, Jonathan Do your ABC's, Little Brown Bear

Martin, Bill Chicka chicka boom boom

Marzollo, Jean <u>I Spy ittle letters</u> Mecklenburg, Jan <u>ABC animals</u>

Pallotta, Jerry The dinosaur alphabet book

Musgrove, Margaret Ashanti to Zulu

Pallotta, Jerry The bird alphabet book

Pallotta, Jerry <u>The Victory Garden alphabet book</u>

Pallotta, Jerry The icky bug alphabet book

Polacco, Patricia <u>G is for goat</u>

Rey, H. A. Curious George learns the alphabet

Rice, James <u>Cowboy alphabet</u> Ruurs, Margriet <u>A mountain alphabet</u>

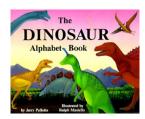
Schaefer, Lola M. Wheels, wings, and water ABC

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro <u>The hidden alphabet</u> Seuss, Dr. <u>The hidden alphabet</u> Dr. Seuss's ABC.

Sharar, Connie ABC dog

Sobel, June Shiver me letters
Tryon, Leslie Albert's alphabet

Even after your child knows their ABCs forward and backwards, there are many things they can still learn from Alphabet books!





Alphabet books are can be great for introducing

new vocabulary words.

(ex. Admiring in A to Z by Sandra Boynton).



Alphabet books often contain informative text. They can be used to learn new things Jerry Pallota's <u>The Icky Bug Alphabet Book</u> provides a mini-science lessons about bugs and other insects.



Alphabet books can provide your child with social studies themes.

Ashanti to Zulu by Margaret Musgrove shows your child the customs of 26 African tribes. Leo and Dianne Dillon illustrated this alphabet book to include as much visual information as possible about each different culture.

Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel Feelings can be used as an in-depth study of one culture. (This is a Caldecott honor book.)

Alphabet Books Can Be Used With Fluent Readers and Writers by Luethel M. Kormanski and Carol B. Stevens

