

Curriculum topics

- Following Directions
- Letter Recognition
- Phonics
- Primary Spelling

Subjects

- Language Arts

Grade range: TK – 2

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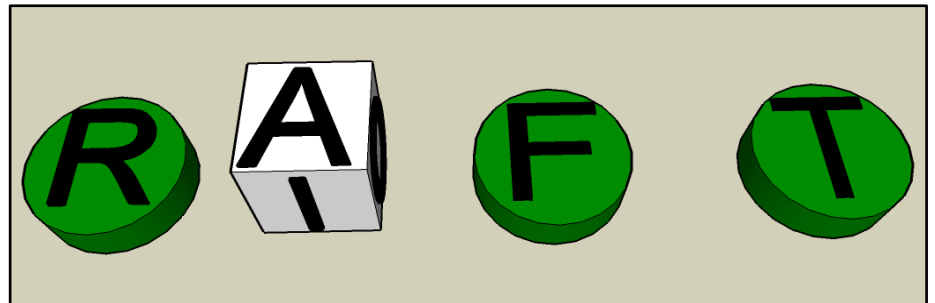
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ALPHABET MIX

A fun way to form words and explore letter sounds!



Do you know how to spell the words “car” or “apple?” What are the sounds in these words? Connect letters and their related sounds as you create and learn new words in this engaging activity that uses creative, reusable materials.



Materials

Materials in the kit may vary but generally, this kit contains the following:

- Plastic caps, labeled with letters (40)
- Dice, labeled with vowels (2)
- Paper
- Pencil

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD
Activity uses small parts. Not for children under 3 yrs.

To Do and Notice

- 1** Place the plastic caps letter-side down on a flat surface and mix.
- 2** Take four (4) or more letter caps from the mixed set of caps.
- 3** Roll one (1) vowel die. Use the 4 caps and the vowel showing face-up on the die to make as many words as possible in 1 minute. Record (write down) all words made with the caps and vowel. Be sure to pronounce (say) the words out loud as they are written.
- 4** Put the 4 caps back into the set and remix. Take 4 more caps and repeat step 3. Roll the die again if the same vowel comes up.
- 5** Continue playing until all vowels are used or a desired number of words are made and recorded.
- 6** **Multiple Players (up to 4):** Each player takes 4 caps from the mixed set. The youngest player rolls the vowel die first. All players try forming words with their caps and the common vowel for 1 minute, recording the words on their own paper. Players take turns rolling the die. For each round, the caps are put back into the set and remixed. Players share their words (written and spoken) after all players have rolled the die.
- 7** **Extensions:** Make and add more letter caps to the set, have players take more than 4 caps per turn, use 2 vowel dice at a time, define each word, and/or write sentences for each formed word. Be creative!
- 8** **Share** your learning with RAFT! Submit photos/video via email at education@raft.net or on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)).

Core Content Skills:

DRDP (ECE)

Letter & Word
Knowledge, Taking Turns
& Cooperative Play,
Gross/Fine Motor Skills

CCSS ELA

Print Concepts, Phonics &
Word Recognition,
Speaking and Listening

Social Emotional Learning

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Responsible decision-making

The Content Behind the Activity

Children with larger vocabularies can acquire new words more easily, are more effective readers, and are more proficient in reading comprehension. This activity helps increase awareness of letters and their associated sounds and helps make learning new words fun and interesting. Word/letter-based games like this can also improve brain functions like problem-solving, memory, cognition, and creativity. Players in this game practice using semantics and **phonological skills**, which are needed for learning longer, more complex words.



Reuse

This kit uses 100% reusable materials designed for other uses. To continue making a positive impact in reducing waste, reuse these materials in other projects. Additionally, any unused materials can be collected and delivered back to RAFT.

Feedback

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Word Wise

Resources

- ABC Letters for Kids - <https://bit.ly/3uyn5jt>
- Reading Rockets (teaching vocabulary) - <https://bit.ly/3gdENjE>