

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN LETTERS

1. Flash cards. Stop when child makes an incorrect response. Work on that letter by:
 - A. Writing the letter with paper and pencil. Have child tell you the letter he is writing.
 - B. Make a salt box. This is a kinesthetic approach. Use a shallow box and a cup of salt. Have child write letter; shake box gently to erase it.
 - C. Write the letter outdoors in sand with finger, on carper, or on a slick surface.
 - D. Write giant letter on newspaper. Cut it out.
 - E. Cut pictures from magazine which begin with the letter.
 - F. Write letter very large on 9x12 paper. Have child glue beans, rice, etc. to the letter form.
2. When driving in the car, ask the child to find as many of a particular letter as he/she can.
3. In doctor's office, etc., look in a magazine. Ask child to find letters at random by pointing. Find as many B's, S's, etc. as you can.
4. Buy child a set of alphabet blocks. Use them to build with, then have the child put the particular letter block on the top or on the bottom. Take a piece of typing paper; write nine letters on it. Have child match blocks to paper where letter is written.
5. Write alphabet out in a long line. Say to child, "Find the 'B', find the 'Q', etc. (not in order).
6. Point to letters as child and parent sing the "ABC Song".