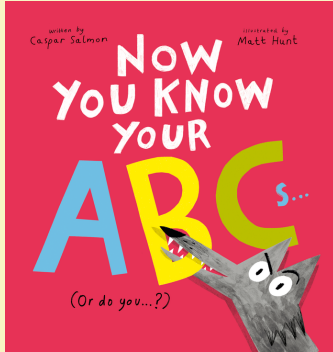


Alphabet Activities for Early Learners (Pre-K through First Grade)

Now You Know Your ABC



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A hilarious alphabet adventure—

You know your ABCs, right? GREAT! A is for apple, B is for ball . . . you get it. But is it really that easy?

Get ready to learn your ABCs like never before as you race through the alphabet and try to outsmart that dangerous wolf.

Read and discuss *Now You Know Your ABCs (Or Do You?)*

Before you read: Look at the front and back covers for clues about the book. Compare the cover with the title page for more clues.

After the first four pages (through letter C): What are you expecting from this book? Do you see a possible clue hiding in the castle? (Wolf) Look for him on other pages as we read.

At the end: Was this book what you expected? How does it compare to other ABC books? How many references to earlier letters can you find on the W pages?

Classroom materials for an alphabet unit

ABC Materials – Put out some conventional ABC books (like *My First ABC* by Edward Underwood), floor and table puzzles, lacing cards, and other alphabet games.

ABC Sensory Bin – Hide letters, small wolf figures, and googly eyes in rice, shredded paper, pompoms, or other filler. Add tongs for pulling out letters and ABC mats for sorting.

ABC Play Dough – Add small plastic letters and large letter mats to your play dough table.

Read the Room – Invite students to look for letters around your classroom and check them off alphabet sheets attached to clipboards.

Classroom materials for an alphabet unit (Continued)

Wolf Tools – Add wolf ears and googly eyes to your regular classroom tools:

- tongs – to pinch pompoms and place them on large printed letters
- scissors – to chomp on letters drawn on index cards (extra fun with zigzag scissors)
- large craft sticks – to draw letters in sand or shaving cream

Wolf Letter Spotters – Twist a pipe cleaner into a bubble wand shape and add googly eyes and wolf ears on the top. Students put the circle around a targeted letter as they find it in the book. To up the challenge, have students look for letter shapes in the illustrations. (For example, the Wolf's ears on the cover are shaped like letter M.)

Book-inspired activities

Read It Again, Together – During a second reading, make an anchor chart with the words from the book that pair with each letter. (See attached for a list.) Reread the book a third time, pointing to the word on the chart as you get to it in the story so students can call it out. Turn the anchor chart into an ABC chant by adding “is for” between the letter and the word.

Matt Hunt's Illustrations as Inspiration – Matt Hunt is a mixed media artist who uses crayons, ink, paint, and collage for his colorful illustrations. Make your own classroom ABC book by having each student take a letter, choose its word, and illustrate it in Hunt's bold style.

Letters to Pictures – Give each student a letter to use as the basis for a drawing, inspired by the Wolf's M-shaped ears. Challenge them to draw an object that begins with their letter.

The Wolf Ate Our Story – The Wolf upends what starts as a conventional ABC book. Let's have the Wolf upend another story. Tell a cumulative classroom story with each student adding a sentence. A few sentences in, yell “CHOMP” and challenge students to take the story in an unexpected direction. You can repeat “CHOMP” as often as you want.

More From These Creators – Be sure to check out *How To Count To One (And Don't Even THINK About Bigger Numbers!)* by the same author/illustrator team. What similarities and differences are there between the two books?

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Alphabet Anchor Chart

A	apple
B	ball
C	castle
D	dog, danger
E	eeeeek!
F	France
G	go
H	hmmmm, hang
I	if
J	just
K	key, kick
L	lost
M	madame
N	non
O	oh
P	please
Q	quick
R	ride
S	starlit sky
T	tall, towering trees
U	until
V	very
W	wow, won't, wolves
X	xylophone
Y	yo-yo
Z	zebra

You can turn this chart into an alphabet chant by adding “is for” between the letter and its corresponding word(s):

A is for apple
B is for ball
...and so on

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