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Letter knowledge is knowing that letters are different from each other and have different names and sounds.

Researchers find that this skill helps children understand that words are made up of smaller parts and to know the names of those parts.

- Help your baby and toddler see and feel different shapes as you play.
- Have them play with wooden puzzles or shape sorters and talk about what is the same and what is different between two objects.
- Make letters from clay or use magnetic letters, especially the letters of their name.
- Write words that interest your child (like "dinosaur" or "truck" or "princess") using crayons, magnetic letters, or pencil and paper.

Knowing the names and sounds of letters help children figure out how to say written words.

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SINGING - Sing the alphabet song. It is a fun and fantastic way for children to learn their ABCs.



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TALKING - Talk about things around you, say what is alike and what is different, help children recognize shapes and point out letters around you.

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READING - Point out shapes in books. Being able to distinguish and know shapes helps a child begin to have awareness of letters.



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WRITING - Draw shapes in bright colors or cut shapes from brightly colored paper. Show your baby the shapes and say their names. When you play with a ball say, "The ball is round."

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PLAYING - Play letter-matching games. For younger children use only a few letters. As your child learns more letters, you can make the game more challenging by adding upper and lowercase letters or letters with different fonts.



GETTING READY TO READ - Children love to have their backs rubbed. They also learn by using multiple senses. Try making a shape or letter on your child's back and having them guess what it is. Don't forget to add in some tickles just for fun.



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