

PARTY ON

ABC Toss Game

Supplies Needed

Printed alphabet (use lowercase first), ball

Activity #1 (easy)

Teach your child to sing the alphabet. Sing it in the car, in the bathtub or anywhere you are!

Activity #2 (harder)

Toss a ball back and forth while saying the alphabet. Use one toss with each letter. You may need to start with the first $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the alphabet, depending on the age or readiness of your child. Let your child master one section of the alphabet before adding a new group of letters.

Activity #3 (hardest)

Once your child can say the whole alphabet while tossing the ball back and forth, play the toss game saying 2 letters at a time (ab-cd-ef-gh), or start anywhere in the alphabet and keep going from there.

Why play this game?

It's important for children to automatically recognize and know the alphabet, both upper and lowercase letters.

Activity #1: The easiest way to learn the alphabet is to sing it. Children who can't say the alphabet should start by singing it.

Activity #2: Many young children know the alphabet's beginning, but get lost somewhere in the second half. Using an activity, such as the ball toss, makes the learning 'stickier' (and lots more fun!).

Activity #3: When your child can repeat by 2s, or start anywhere in the alphabet and keep going, your child is on his or her way to "owning" the alphabet.

Watch the video

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