

The Alphabet



Activity 1

1. **Listen** together once.
2. Listen again, stopping and repeating together after each letter.
3. Sit in a circle and go once around the circle with each student saying a letter in turn. Repeat until they are confident.
4. Give each student a set of **Alphabet Flashcards**. Have them arrange them in the correct order. Listen/recite again to check.

Activity 2

Have larger **Alphabet Flashcards** (A4/letter) stuck randomly around the room (do this before class).

1. Ask who can find the first letter (don't mention what it is). When 1st student finds A, have them stick it to the whiteboard and nominate another student to find the next letter. Continue until the alphabet is complete.
2. Sing/recite alphabet together as class.
3. Ask students to close their eyes. Rearrange the alphabet incorrectly on whiteboard. Nominate students to correct.

Activity 3

For students whose L1 does not use letters (e.g. Chinese), have them complete the **Alphabet Tracing Practice** worksheet. Otherwise start activity 4 below.

1. Explicitly teach how each letter is formed, distinguishing between capital and lower-case letters.
2. Have them continue to practise in their own notebooks.
3. Option: differentiate between printing and cursive.

Activity 4

1. Spell your name out to students and have them write it down (remind them about capital and lower-case letters). Check by writing it on the whiteboard.
2. Students circulate around the room and complete this activity with every other student, so they have a list of complete student names.
3. Students return to their seats. Ask each student to come up and write down his/her name so that their classmates can check their work. How many names did each student get correct? This is also a useful way to have students learn each other's names.
4. Give each student an **Alphabet Poster** for their reference.

Extension Games

1. Alphabet Toss

Sit in a circle (2+ students) or face-to-face (1 student): say the 1st letter and then pass/toss/roll the ball to another student who needs to say the next letter. Continue until the alphabet is finished and everyone is confident.

2. Alphabet Race

Split class into teams. Have each team come up one by one. Place Alphabet Flashcards in a pile on the floor. Time how long it takes students to arrange them in the correct order. The group with the fastest time (it must be accurate) wins.

3. Alphabet Bingo

Ask students to draw a 9-space grid

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Have them write a letter in each square (letters cannot be repeated). Draw out a letter from your **Alphabet Flashcards**, read it to the class and post it on the whiteboard. If a student has it, they should cross it off. The first player to cross off all the letters wins. Keep playing!

4. Alphabet Chinese Whispers

Line up students. Whisper a letter into the first student's ear and have them whisper it to the next student until it arrives at the last student who then must say the letter and write it on the whiteboard. This student then moves to the back of the line and the game starts again.