



## How to Teach the Alphabet

Learning the alphabet is vital for your preschooler and Kindergarten child. Parents can help prepare their children for school by teaching them the letters of the alphabet. Once the song is memorized, children can retrieve the information when needed in their school work. The only drawback to the song is that, children become confused at the singing part of “L, M, N, O, P”. As parents and teachers, we will want to be careful and not let the child think the “*lmnop*” is one letter’s name.

How do I help my child learn the alphabet correctly?

1. **When singing the song, slow down and say each letter correctly.** *Emphasis the letter names as: L, M, N, O, P.*
2. **When singing the song, clap for each letter name.** *This will help your child see how the different letters have their own name.*
3. **Write the alphabet letters on a poster or chart and hang at eye level** for your child to see. *As you recite the letters together, use a pointer and touch each letter as you say the letter names.*
4. **After your child has learned to recite the alphabet from memory,** then do random selection of different letters to see if your child is making a connection between his memory and the actual letter. *This activity needs to be repeated over a period of several days to*
5. **Have your child “search” for specific letters in newspapers, magazines and books.** *Choose a letter of the day and see how many times your child can locate this letter. You can keep a tally chart and record the number of times the letter was seen in one day. At the end of the week, you can compare the tally marks to determine which letter was found the most times.*
6. **Purchase activity books from the \$ store or grocery store that have alphabet letter practice.** *Your child will enjoy using crayons and pencils to complete the activity pages in coloring books that have alphabet letters. What a great way to give your child opportunities to handle crayons and pencils before going to school.*

By helping your child learn the alphabet correctly, you are laying the foundation for learning how to read. Your child will be ready for school and will be excited about learning how to read.



*assure that the letters have been learned.*