## The Apple Alphabet Game - Sequential - For Two Players

This game provides practice to help students recognize the lower case letters and remember their sounds. Students take turns picking up apple pieces. If they can say the letter sound for their piece, they may place it "in their basket." I've worked with a few kindergarteners who weren't really interested in the letters or their sounds, and consequently couldn't remember them. When I introduced this game, these students perked up and took a great interest in recognizing the letters and getting the sounds correct. They really wanted to put the most apples in their baskets. It's amazing that such a simple game can have such a great effect.

Overview: There are four set of letters for students to use while learning the alphabet. These sets match the sequence in which the letters are introduced in the sound story and in the Learning The Alphabet and Exploring Sounds In Words workbooks.

1. tihlnw
2. $u b m r f x$
3. esjocd
4. $a v g p k y q u z$


Selecting The Pieces: Choose the set of letters that has been most recently taught. There are four apples for each letter, providing enough apples for two students to play the game. Make two sets for four students, three sets for six students, or four sets for eight students. Four apples in each game are printed with a flower instead of a letter. If students pick an apple with a flower, they should take another turn.

Setting up the game: This game works well with pairs of students or small groups. Spread the set of apples face down on the table. Give one basket to each student. Students sit in a circle around the table.

To do the activity: Students take turns picking an apple and giving the sound for the letter shown (not the letter name). If correct, the student places the apple just above his basket, so that it looks like it is in the basket. If incorrect, the apple must be put back on the table face down. If a student draws an apple with a flower, he or she places that apple in the basket and immediately takes another turn. As the student accumulates more apples, they are placed in one or more rows above the basket. When all of the apples have been collected, each student counts the number of apples in his or her basket. The student with the most apples wins.

Variation: If a students picks a letter and does not give the correct sound, the letter must be put into the letter swamp. The alligator gets to eat it.

How To Assemble The Apple Alphabet Game - Print these pages in all black mode.

1. Run off the label cards on colored cardstock. Cut to separate the cards. Place the cards in separate clear plastic bags or attach them to the front of manila envelopes.

2. Run off the apple pages on red card stock. Laminate. On each page, start by cutting off the edges around the group of apples.

3. Cut between the columns of apples to make strips.

4. Cut between the individual apples to make squares.

5. Place the apple pieces in the labeled bags or envelopes.


This makes enough pieces for two players. Print each apple page twice for four players. Print each apple page three times for six players. Print each apple page four times for eight players.

How To Assemble The Apple Alphabet Game - For Steps 6, 7, and 8 print in color mode.
6. Print one alphabet chart on white card stock.

7. Print one letter swamp page on light blue card stock.

8. Print the brown apple baskets on tan card stock. Cut out each basket. Store the baskets in a large manila envelope.
Make two - eight
 baskets, depending on the size of the group you will be working with.
9. Or, print the black line pictures of the apple baskets on tan or brown card stock, in black and white printing mode. Print two - eight baskets. Cut them out and store them in a large manila envelope.



Alphabet Lower Case Letters

| $\mathbf{a}$ | b | C |  | $d$ 变 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | h | ) |  | $j$ |
| $k$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{n}$ |  |
| $p$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { qu } \\ & \text { en } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{r} \\ & 4 s \end{aligned}$ | $10^{3}$ | S | $\dagger$ |
|  | s | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{W} \\ & \sqrt{n} \% \end{aligned}$ | $x$ | $\begin{aligned} & y \\ & \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{Z} \\ & \sqrt{6}, \end{aligned}$ |



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LTA Apple Alphabet - Put four apples with flowers from this page into Sets 1, 2, and 3.

