## Apple Concentration - Capital and Lower Case Letters

This game provides practice to help students remember the capital and lower case letters. Use this game with the Learning The Alphabet and Advanced Learning The Alphabet books. The letters are introduced in the sequence in which they appear in the sound story.

To prepare the activity: Laminate all pages if desired for extra wear. Cut apart the apples and store each set in an envelope or plastic bag. (Just cut into squares. You don' $\dagger$ have to cut around each apple.) There are four different sets of apples. Use Set 1 after you teach the first eight letters, Set 2 after you teach the next eight letters, and so on. You can print all the letters on red card stock if you wish. Or, to make it easier to play the game, print the capital letters on light green cardstock and the lower case letters on red cardstock.

Set 1: TIHLNWUB tihlnwub
Set 2: MRFXESJO mrfxesjo
Set 3: CDAVGPKY cdavgpky
Set 4: AVGPKYQuZ avgpkyquz

Selecting The Pieces: Begin a new set after all the letters in that set have been introduced. If there are too many apples for students to work with comfortably, set some aside and work with
 fewer apples until students become more confident.

Setting up the game: Place the apples in four rows face down on the table. If you are using two different colors, line up the green apples on the top two rows and the red apples on the bottom two rows. Have the alphabet chart with letters and sound pictures close by, for students to use as a reference if they cannot remember a letter or its sound.

To do the activity: This activity works well with two students, but could be done with a small group. Students take turns turning over two apples at a time. If you are using two colors, students turn over one green and one red apple. Students say the sound for each letter they turn over. The student may look at the alphabet chart if necessary. If the items match, the student may pick up both apples and keep them in a stack. If the apples don't match, the apples must be kept in place and turned face down again. When all of the apples have been collected, each student counts the number of apples in his or her pile. The student with the most apples wins.

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How To Assemble The Apple Concentration Game - Print the apples and cards in 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 lower case letter pages on red card stock. Run off the capital letter pages on red or light green card stock. Laminate. On each page, start by cutting off the edges around the group of apples.
3. Cut between the individual apples to make squares.

4. Print one alphabet chart on white card stock, in color mode.
5. Cut between the columns of apples to make strips.

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


Alphabet

| Aa <br> OO |  | Cc $t$ | Dd | Ee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ff Atar |  | Hh害 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ii} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $J_{j}$ |
| $\overline{K k}$ | $\psi^{\mu \prime \prime}$ | Mm <br> leo | Nn <br> - ${ }^{-2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oo } \\ & \text { 89 } \end{aligned}$ |
| $P_{p}$ <br> $\square 1$ |  | Rr <br> qun | Ss $\qquad$ | T $\dagger$ |
| $\mathrm{Uu}_{u}$ | $\begin{gathered} V_{v} \\ \rho \lambda \end{gathered}$ |  | $Y y$ <br> y | Zz \% \% |

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Set 2-MRFXESJO


Set $2-M R F X E S J O$
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Set 4-AVGPKYQuZ
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Set 3-cdavgpky

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