

# Letter of the Day



A few simple boxes can open up a world of sounds and letters!

## THINK ABOUT...

One aspect of early literacy development is the understanding of phonemic awareness and letter recognition. Sometimes, we might be tempted to limit literacy to just story time at night. However, there are many opportunities throughout the day to practice and build these skills using simple listening and spoken language strategies. Use this activity over and over again to help your child develop these important foundations.



## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Word of the Day Printable

Optional: dry erase marker, sheet protector

## PREPARATION

- 1- Print the Word of the Day pdf (below)
- 2- Place in sheet protector
- 3- Obtain a dry erase marker

## ACTIVITY

- 1- Each morning pick a word or letter of the day. Make it an exciting event by taking the time to write the letter of the day in the spaces provided on the worksheet. (You can use a sheet protector to make a dry erase sheet or use pen to track your letters and words for the week.)
- 2- Throughout the day help your child notice signs, food labels, magazines, DVD cases, books, and any other objects with letters on them. Use auditory repetition to prompt, "Do you see the letter\_\_\_\_\_". Encourage your child to keep an eye out for their letter or word, while providing auditory repetition as you talk about the letters and the sounds they make.
- 3- Throughout the day as your child finds letters or words, you can cheer and use auditory bombardment (saying the letter repeatedly while pointing to it) to reinforce the spoken letter and its written counterpart.
- 4- At the end of the day, you can talk about all the different places you spotted your letter of the day.

## VOCABULARY:

- Letters and the sounds they make
- Search
- Find
- Spot
- Recognize

## HELPFUL TIPS

- Depending on your child's reading level, you can do word or letter recognition. For newer readers, focus on one letter during each reading activity. For older readers, you can chunk whole words. A great word to start with is your child's name, as this recognition will help your child be Kinder-ready.
- You can change the letter of the day every morning, or keep it for a few days. Involve the whole family!

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MY LETTER OF THE DAY IS:

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MY WORD OF THE DAY  
HAS \_\_\_\_\_ LETTERS.

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