

# Alligator Alphabet Match

This activity will be a great addition to any Early Childhood play-based curriculum, including High/Scope, Creative Curriculum, or any center-based curriculum.

Alligator Alphabet Match will give children the opportunity to become familiar with alphabetic principles as well as demonstrating knowledge of the alphabet.

## New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards:

*English Language Arts: Reading: Foundational Skills:*

Begin to demonstrate an understanding of basic features of print.

Recognize and name many upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards:

*English Language Arts: Reading Foundational Skills: Print Concepts:*

RF.K.1. Recognize and name all upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

## Objective:

Students will use this activity to recognize and distinguish between upper and lowercase letters.

## For today's activity, you will need:

- Large round container with lid (e.g. dishwasher tablet container, coffee can, oatmeal container, etc.)
- Construction paper (colors of choice)
- Glue stick/glue gun
- Large index cards, white cardstock or white poster board
- Various craft materials to create your alligator (e.g. pom poms, googly eyes, etc.)
- Craft scissors (assorted designs)
- 3-inch Block upper and lowercase letters (die cut or see attached PDF)
- X-acto knife or scissors
- Green duct tape or construction paper

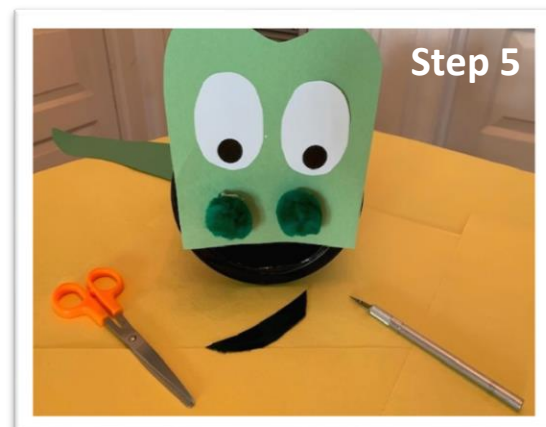
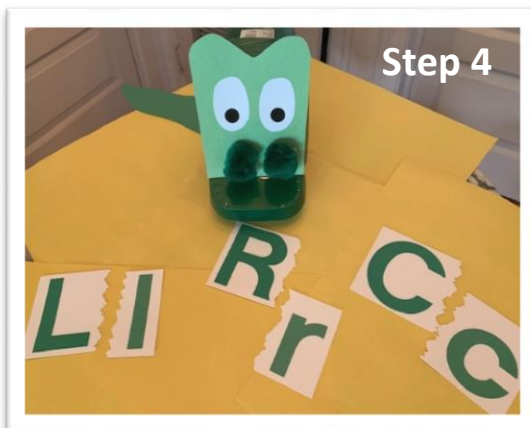
## Steps for today's activity:

1. Cut out 3 inch block Ellison alphabet letters (both upper and lowercase letters).
  - Die cut with construction paper or use the attached PDFs.
2. Glue uppercase letter to the left side of a 4 X 6 white index card (or cardstock) and glue the matching lowercase letter to the right side of the index card.
3. Optional: laminate the cards for durability.
  - Visit the LRC-South at Rowan University for lamination services.
4. Once alphabet cards are completed (and laminated), use craft scissors with decorative edges to cut down the middle of the cards between the letters.
  - You now have a 2-piece self-correcting puzzle!
5. Use various crafts supplies to decorate the container and make your alligator. Give your alligator eyes and a nose. Don't forget to give him a mouth with the scissors or X-acto knife!
  - This provides a fun place for children to "feed" the alligator their completed letter pairs and is also a way to store the letter cards when not in use.



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## LRC-South *alphabet* related items to borrow that align with this Learn and Create activity.

### Alphabet Sounds Photo Library



Perfect for pocket charts, language centers and more, our library features full-color photos divided into 26 tabbed categories—one for each letter of the alphabet—plus fantastic activity ideas that will have children talking, thinking and fine-tuning skills. Each photo has the corresponding word on back, helping students master letter sounds—one word at a time. (LRC-S #24380)

### Alphabet Adventure



After working hard all summer with their teacher, "Capital T," the lower case letters of the alphabet are on their way to the first day of school. But they're held up when the letter "i" loses her dot. The letters come up with a plan, and race around to find a substitute for little "i" to wear. (LRC-S #41461)

### Magnetic Alphabet Fishing Set



Learning the alphabet is a cinch—with a fun-filled fishing game kids can't resist! Children cast their lines using 4 magnetic poles...and "reel" in all 26 letters of the alphabet! The dense EVA foam letters actually float...and they're jumbo-sized, so it's easy to make a catch every time. (LRC-S #40288)

### Search and Find Alphabet Bags



Delightful Alphabet Bags give children a hands-on way to explore letter sounds—from A to Z! Each soft velour bag features a big, clear-view window that lets kids peek inside, plus lots of fun beads for children to search through. As kids sift through the beads, they discover irresistible objects that represent each letter sound—from an apple and anchor for A to a zipper and zebra for Z! (LRC-S #43661)

### Braille Alphabet Wooden Tiles



This 26 piece Braille Alphabet set can be played 2 sided, one upper case, another one lower case. Each piece has a Braille symbol that represents each letter in the alphabet. (LRC-S #43707)

### Hand Signs: A Sign Language Alphabet



This clever and unusual book is both a simple alphabet book for very young children and an introduction to American Sign Language for readers of all ages. The easy to follow format presents 26 full color illustrations, each revealing not only one, but sometimes two or three animals that begin with a particular letter. An inset picture of a human hand showing the sign for that same letter also appears on each page. (LRC-S #39397)