

Using Alphabet Books to Jumpstart Writing

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ABC Books

Animals

- ✓ A My Name is Alice by Steven Kellogg
- ABC Animals: A Bedtime Story by Darice Bailer
- The ABC Bunny by Wanda and Howard Gag
- Abecedario de los Animales by Alma Flor Ada
- African Animals ABC by Philippa-Alys Browne
- African Animals ABC: An Alphabet Safari by Sarah Schuette
- All Butterflies: An ABC by Marcia Brown
- Alligator Alphabet by Stella Blackstone
- Alligators All Around: An Alphabet by Maurice Sendak
- Alphabears: An ABC Book by Kathleen Hague
- Amazon Alphabet by Martin and Tanis Jordan
- Ambledee to Zumbledee: An ABC of Rather Special Bugs by Sandol Stoddard Warburg
- The Animal ABC by Leslie Baker
- Animal Alphabet by Bert Kitchen
- Animal Alphabet by Sybil Rebman
- Animal Babies ABC: An Alphabet of Animal Offspring by Barbara Knox
- ✓ Animalia by Graeme Base
- Animals A to Z by David McPhail
- Ape in a Cape: An Alphabet of Odd Animals by Fritz Eichenberg
- Aster Aardvarks' Alphabet Adventures by Steven Kellogg
- The Beetle Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
- The Butterfly Alphabet by Kjell Sandved
- The Butterfly Alphabet Book by Brian Cassie and Jerry Pallotta
- Cats ABC: An Alphabet Book by Amanda Doering
- A Cow's Alfalfa-bet by Woody Jackson
- The Dog From Arf! Arf! To Zzzzzz by the Dog Artist Collection
- Dogs ABC: An Alphabet Book by B. A. Hoena
- The Furry Animal Book by Jerry Pallotta
- ✓ G is for Goat by Patricia Polacco
- Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet by David McLimas
- The Guinea Pig ABC by Kate Duke
- The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
- K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo by Giles Andreae
- K is for Kitten by Niki Clark Leopold
- Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth
- A Peaceable Kingdom: The Shaker Abecedarius by Alice and Martin Provensen
- Penguins A-B-C by Kevin Schafer
- Puddle's ABC by Hollie Hobbie

✓ Q is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game by Mary Elting and Michael Folsom
Roger Troy Peterson's ABC of Birds: for Little Birdwatchers by Linda Westervelt
Shaggy Dog's Animal Alphabet by Donald Charles
The Skull Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta and Ralph Masiello
V for Vanishing: An Alphabet of Endangered Animals by Patricia Mullins
The Wildlife ABC: A Nature Alphabet by Jan Thornhill
✓ The Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
Zooflakes ABC by Will Howell

The Arts

A Is for Artist: A Getty Museum Alphabet
The ABCs of Art by Julie Aigner-Clark
An Alphabet of Old Friends and The Absurd ABC by Walter Crane
Ellsworth's Extraordinary Electric Ears by Valorie Fisher
I Spy: An Alphabet in Art by Lucy Micklethwait
✓ M is for Melody: A Music Alphabet by Kathy-Jo Wargin
Museum ABC by the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art
Musical Instruments From A to Z by Bobbie Kalman
On Your Toes: A Ballet ABC by Rachel Isadora
✓ R is for Rhyme: A Poetry Alphabet by Judy Young

Careers

ABC I Can Be by Verna Wilkins
Firefighters A to Z by Chris Demarest

Celebrations

A Christmas Alphabet from a poem by Carolyn Wells
Halloween ABC by Eve Merriam
K is for Kwanzaa by Juwanda G. Ford and Jen Wilson-Max
P is for Passover by Tanya Lee Stone
P is for Pilgrim: A Thanksgiving Alphabet by Carol Crane
S is for Star: A Christmas Alphabet by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds
Spooky ABC by Eve Merriam

Characters

✓ A My Name is Alice by Jane Bayer
Albert's Alphabet by Leslie Tryon
Alpha Oops: The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis
An Alphabet of Angels by Nancy Willard
✓ The Alphabet Keeper by Mary Murphy
Alphabears: An ABC Book by Kathleen Hague
Alphaducks (board book) by Maryann Cusimano Love
Babar's ABC by Laurent de Brunhoff
Clifford's ABC by Norman Bridwell
Curious George Learns the Alphabet by Hans Augusto Rey
Elfabet: An ABC of Elves by Jane Yolen

Kipper's A to Z: An Alphabet Adventure by Mick Inkpen
Mouse Letters: A Very First Alphabet Book by Jim Arnosky
My Little House ABC by Laura Ingalls Wilder
P is for Princess: A Royal Alphabet by Layne and Layne
The Queen's Progress: An Elizabethan Alphabet by Celeste Davidson Mannis
SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod
The Z was Zapped: A Play in Twenty-Six Acts by Chris Van Allsburg

Cultures/Regions

A is for Africa by Ifeoma Onyefulu
A is for Asia by Cynthia Chin-Lee
Alaska ABC Book by Charlene Kreeger and Shannon Cartwright
Alphabet Times Four: An International ABC by Ruth Brown
Amazon ABC by Kathy Darling
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove
C is for China by Sungwan So
✓ D is for Doufu: An Alphabet Book of Chinese Culture by Maywan Shen Krach
✓ Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English by Alma Flor Ada
Homes around the World ABC: An Alphabet Book by Amanda Doering
Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel Feelings
O is for Old Dominion: A Virginia Alphabet by Pamela Duncan Edwards
P is for Palmetto: A South Carolina Alphabet by Carol Crane
P is for Passport: A World Alphabet by Devin Scillian
✓ P is for Peach: A Georgia Alphabet Book by Carol Cane
S is for Sunshine: A Florida Alphabet by Carol Crane
T is for Tar Heel: A North Carolina Alphabet by Carol Crane
V is for Volunteer: A Tennessee Alphabet by Michael Shoulders
A Walk in the Rainforest by Kristin Joy Pratt
W is for World: A Round-the-World ABC by Kate Cave and Oxfam

Deserts

Agave Blooms Just Once by Gisela Jernigan
A Desert ABC: An Alphabet Book by B. A. Hoena
✓ The Desert Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Dinosaurs

Dinosaur ABC: Board Book by Roger Priddy
Dinosaur Alphabet by Harry Robins
✓ The Dinosaur Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Farms

Farm ABC by the John Deere Company
Farm Alphabet Book by Jane Miller

Foods

ABC Yummy by Lisa Jahn-Clough

Alpha-Bakery by Gold Medal Flour
Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z by Lois Ehlert
My Whole Foods ABC's by David Richard

Geography

The Alphabet Atlas by Arthur Yorinks
City Seen from A to Z by Rachel Isadora
Geography from A to Z: A Picture Glossary by Jack Knowlton
Thomas's Sheep and the Great Geography Test by Steven Layne

Science/Nature

Allison's Zinnia by Anita Lobel
Apples, Bubbles, and Crystals: Science ABCs by Andrea Bennett and James Kessler
The Flower Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta and Leslie Evans
The Freshwater Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta and David Biedrzycki
✓ G is for Galaxy: An out of this world alphabet by Campbell and Collison
✓ I is for Idea: An Inventions Alphabet by Marcia Schonberg
M is for Majestic: A National Parks Alphabet by David Domeniconi
The Victory Garden Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta and Bob Thomson
Weather ABC: An Alphabet Book by H. A. Hoena
✓ W is for wind: A Weather Alphabet by Pat Michaels

Oceans

ABC Under the Sea: An Ocean Life Alphabet Book by Barbara Knox
ABSea by Bobbie Kalman
Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet by Deborah Lee Rose
The Sailor's Alphabet by Michael McCurdy
Swim through the Sea by Kristin Joy Pratt
✓ The Underwater Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Seasons

Autumn: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur
Spring: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur
Summer: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur
Winter: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur

Sports

For the Love of NASCAR: An A to Z Primer for NASCAR Fans by Michael Fresina
✓ H is for Home Run: A Baseball Alphabet by Brad Herzog
J is for Jump Shot: A Basketball Alphabet by Mike Ulmer
K is for Kick: A Soccer Alphabet by Brad Herzog
P is for Putt: A Golf Alphabet by Brad Herzog
The Racecar Alphabet by Brian Floca
T is for Touchdown: A Football Alphabet by Brad Herzog
✓ Z is for Zamboni: A hockey alphabet book by Matt Napier

Transportation

The Airplane Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta and Fred Stillwell

All Aboard! A Traveling Alphabet by Bill Mayer

B is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by June Sobel

Miss Spider's New Car by David Kirk

The Racecar Alphabet by Brian Floca

Things That Go: A Traveling Alphabet by Seymour Reit

Tickets to Ride: An Alphabetic Amusement by Mark Rogalski

United States

A is for Abigail Adams: An Almanac of Amazing American Women by Lynn Cheney

ABC USA by Martin Jarrie

America: A Patriotic Primer by Lynne Cheney

B is for Buckaroo! : A Cowboy Alphabet by Gleaves Whitney

Cowboy Alphabet by James Rice

✓ D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet by Elissa Grodin

D is for Drums: A Colonial Williamsburg ABC by Kay Chorao

The Folks in the Valley: A Pennsylvania Dutch ABC by Jim Aylesworth

Many Nations: An Alphabet of Native America by Joseph Bruchac

A Pioneer ABC by Mary Alice Downie

The United States from A to Z by Bobbie Kalman

Yankee Doodle American: The Spirit of 1776 from A to Z by Wendell Minor

Miscellaneous

A is for Zebra by Mark Shulman and Tamara Petrosino

ABC, I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson

Absolutely Awful Hidden Alphabet by Modicai Gerstein

The Accidental Zucchini: An Unexpected Alphabet by Max Grover

Achoo! Bang! Crash! A Noisy Alphabet by Ross MacDonald

Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson

The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z! by Steven Martin and Roz Chast

The Alphabet from Z to A: (With Much Confusion on the Way) by Judith Viorst

Anno's Alphabet by Mitsumasa Anno

Arches to Zigzags: An Architecture ABC by Crosbie, Rosenthal, and Rosenthal

Architects Make Zigzags: Looking at Architecture from A to Z by Diane Maddex

The Book of Shadowboxes: A Story of the ABC's by Laura Seeley

✓ Cleo's Alphabet Book by Caroline Mockford

The Disappearing Alphabet by Richard Wilbur

Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss

G is For Googol: A Math Alphabet Book by David Schwartz

Have you ever seen ...? ABC Book by Beau Gardner

Let's Have Fun With Alphabet Riddles by Caolan Madden

Letters from Calico Cat by Donald Charles

On Market Street by Arnold Lobel

Tickets to Ride by Mark Rogalski

Tomorrow's Alphabet by George Shannon

The Turn-Around Upside-Down Alphabet Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst

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