

Preschool Language: Letter Hunt

Learning Value:

This activity promotes letter recognition and children's growing understanding that print has meaning.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ Index cards
- ▶ Writing utensil

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

Directions:

- ▶ **Step 1:** Make letter cards by writing letters on each of the index cards. For younger preschoolers, you can start with just the letters of their names. For older children, you can make cards for each letter of the alphabet. Hide these throughout the house or within one room.
- ▶ **Step 2:** Make a list on another index card of the letters that your child will search for.
- ▶ **Step 3:** Have your child go on a search for the letters on their list. Once they find them, ask them if they can name the letter or share the letter sound.
- ▶ **Step 4:** Encourage your child to put their letters in order to make their names. Older children may be able to create other short words with the letters they found.

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Print is all around us! Reuse your letter cards to see if your child can find letters in other areas of your house. Take them on your next trip in the car and challenge your child to find letters on road or store signs.