

Letter Identification and beginning sound Memory Games

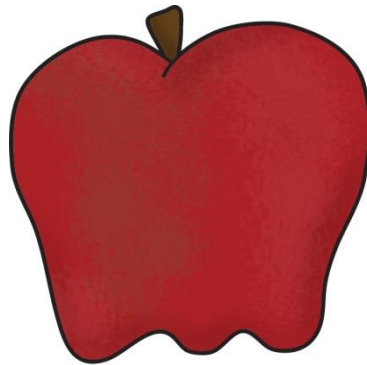
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This set contains both upper and lowercase letters of the English alphabet and picture cards for each letter. It is a great addition to any pre-K or K classroom, homeschool parent, or parents who like to make learning fun at home for their child. In my own classroom, I have copied them and sent them home with students to play with their family! This set is so versatile, it can be used throughout the school year in one way or another. The possibilities are endless! I included activities which address three different levels of difficulty for these cards, but you can certainly decide to tweak them to meet the needs of your particular students.

**A variety of games can be played with this set**

**Easiest:** Copy 2 sets of upper case letter cards on white card stock and laminate before cutting on the lines. The rules for this game follow the traditional Memory rules, only instead of matching pictures, you are trying to match upper case “A” to upper case “A”, upper case “B” with upper case “B”, etc...You can even add only the letters introduced/learned thus far to your deck and continue adding more cards as your students learn new letters. You may also choose to customize your deck by including only letters you think your students need to practice identifying. There are also two of each lower case letter that can be used in the same manner as above.

## Harder:

Once your students have been **introduced** to all of the upper and lower case letters, you can try this harder version. Copy one set of upper case letters and one set of lower case letters on white card stock and laminate and cut on the lines. Play using traditional memory rules, only this time students are to match the upper case “A” to the lower case “a”, etc...

## Hardest:

Once your students have learned about beginning sounds, you can try this even harder version. Copy one set of upper case letters (or lower case if you prefer) and one set of picture cards on white card stock and laminate and cut on the lines. Play using traditional memory rules, only this time students are to match the upper case “A” to the picture of the “apple” associating the beginning sound to the letter. There are a few extra pictures toward the end of the alphabet (x, y, and z) in which you will have to pick the picture that works best for your group of students, and include them in you decks.

## Tried and True Tips and Tricks with Cards

- If you are a new teacher, I highly suggest you laminate these cards before cutting them out. It saves you a lot of time and lamination.
- My desks are arranged in groups or tables to allow for cooperative group activities across the curriculum.
- I use a lot of task cards in my classroom. I usually make 12 sets so that if I ever have a group of 24 students, and I wanted them to work in pairs using those cards, I wouldn't have to make more. Most times, I use one deck per table when playing Memory of any kind.
- I also usually use different colors of cardstock. If students are working in pairs, it helps if their cards are a different color than another pair at their table. It makes it a lot easier to manage at the tables. 3 blue decks, 3 green decks, 3 orange decks, 3 yellow decks – or whatever colors you have on hand will work. This is just an example.
- Because I use decks of cards a lot (alphabet, picture, numeral, and even just plain old playing cards), I have found it to be very helpful to mark each card in each deck with a common letter or symbol. For example, all of the cards in deck one would be marked with the number 1 (if they were literacy cards), all cards in deck two marked with the number 2, etc... or a letter (if they were cards for a math game). This helps eliminate confusion for the kids about the significance of the letter/number on the back of their card. They quickly understand what they mean, and if one drops on the floor, they quickly say, "Who has deck A?" and that group says, "We do! Thank you!" This also saves you tons of time looking for lost cards, and eliminates extra cards in the deck. You might be surprised at how well this actually works...

**A**

**A**

**B**

**B**

**C**

**C**

**D**

**D**

**E**

**E**

**F**

**F**

**G**

**G**

**H**

**H**



**I**

**I**

**J**

**J**

**K**

**K**

**L**

**L**

**M**

**M**

**N**

**N**

**O**

**O**

**P**

**P**

**Q**

**Q**

**R**

**R**

**S**

**S**

**T**

**T**

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U

V

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X

**Y**

**Y**

**Z**

**Z**

**a**

**a**

**b**

**b**

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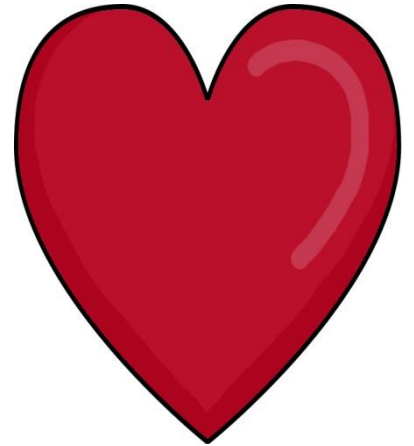
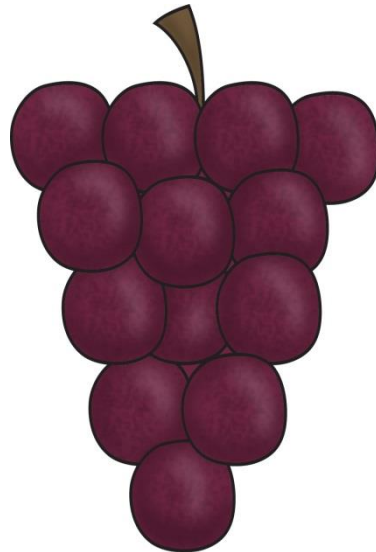
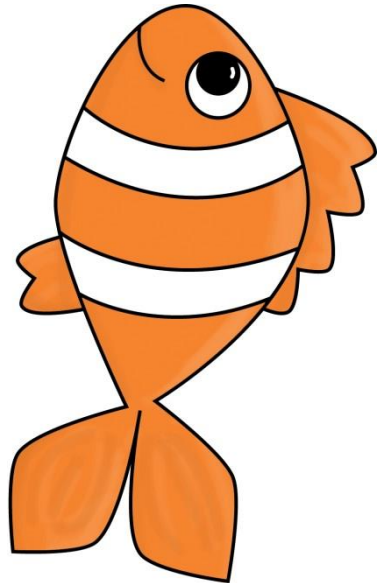
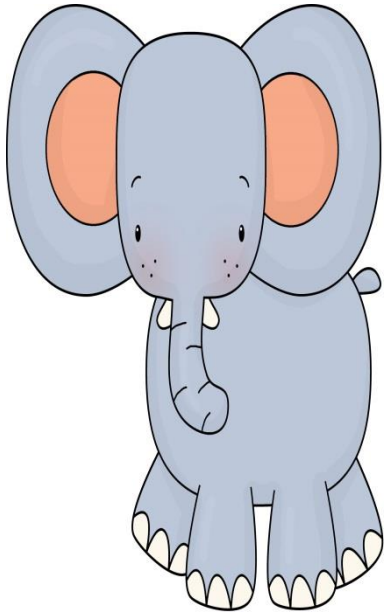
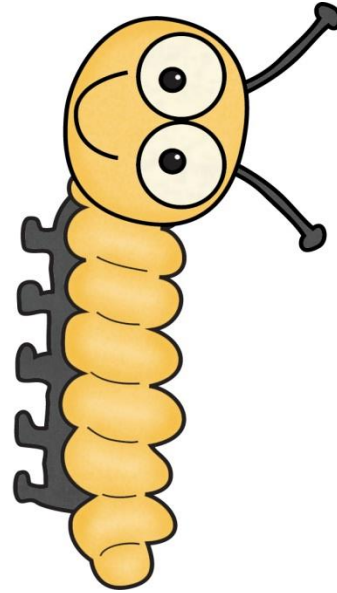
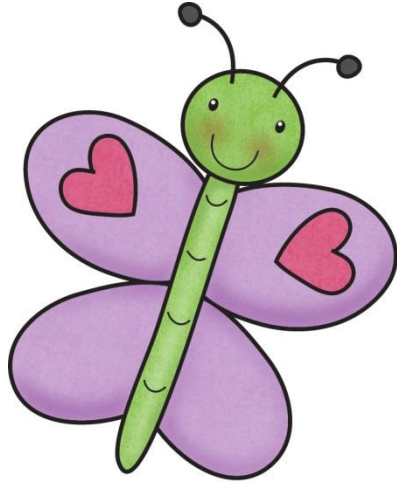
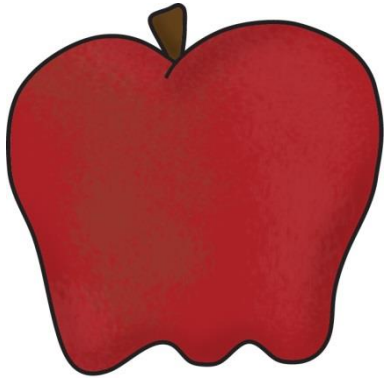
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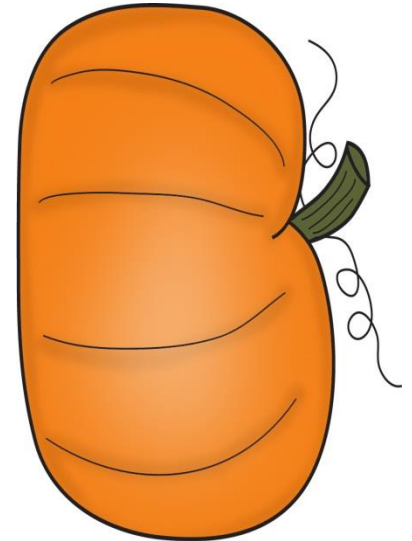
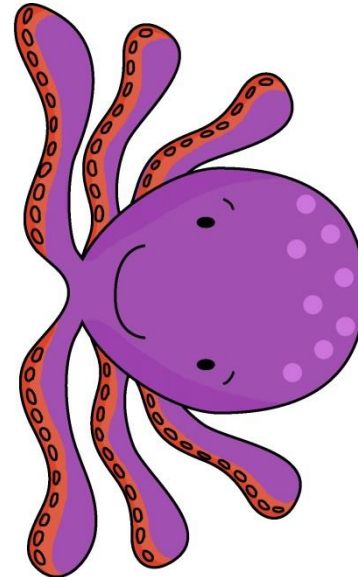
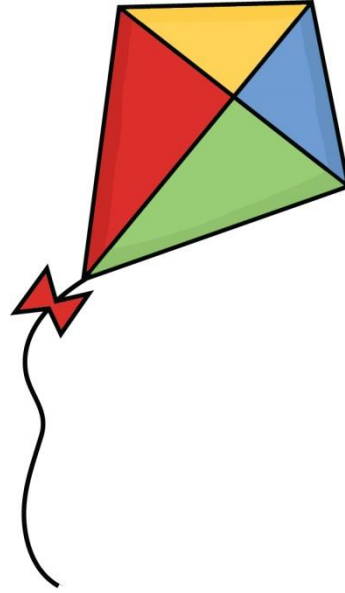
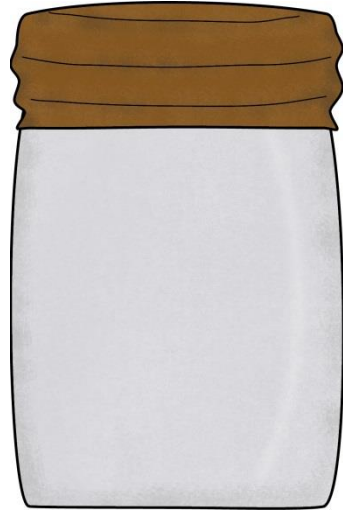
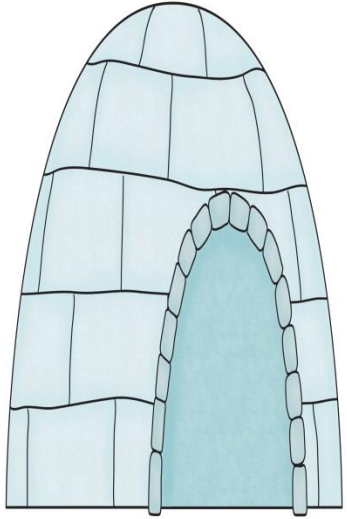
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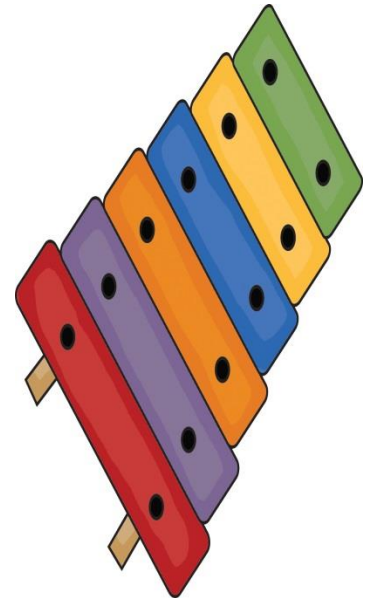
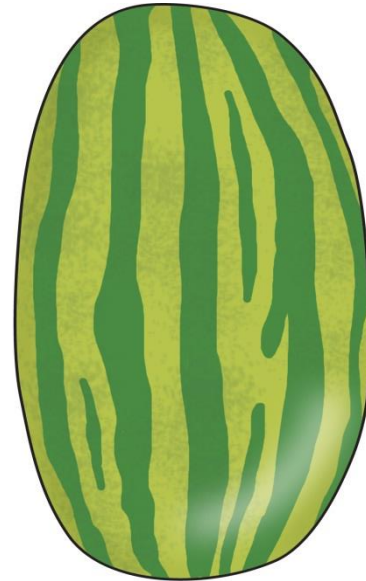
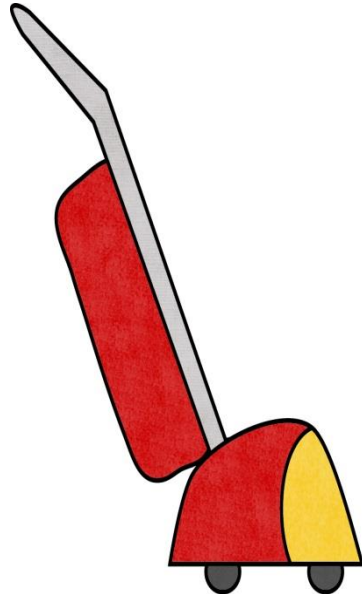
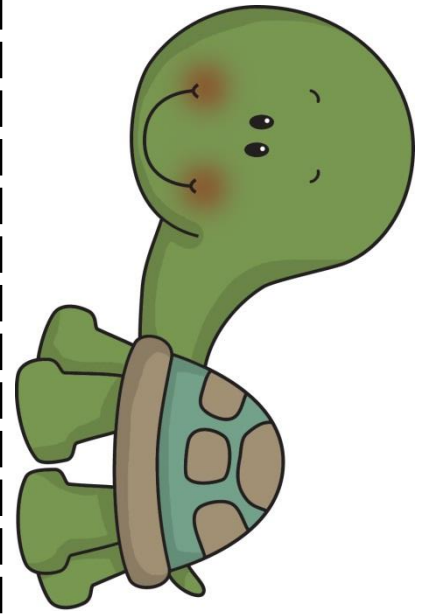
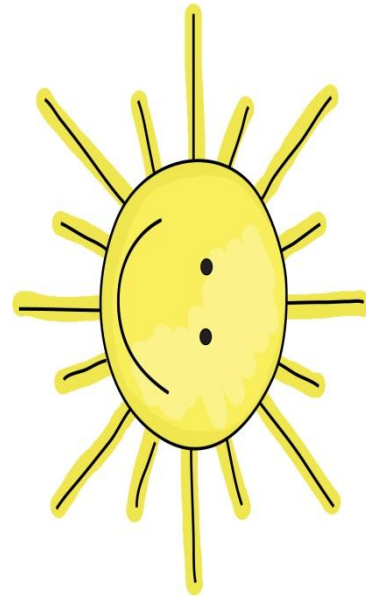
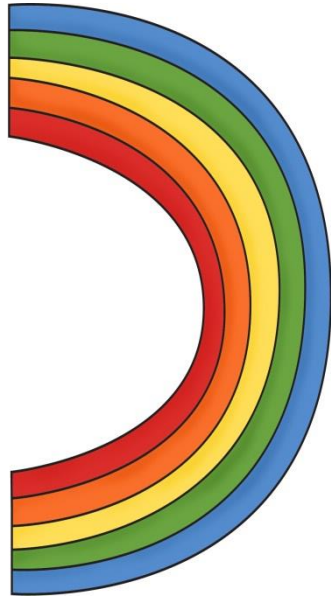
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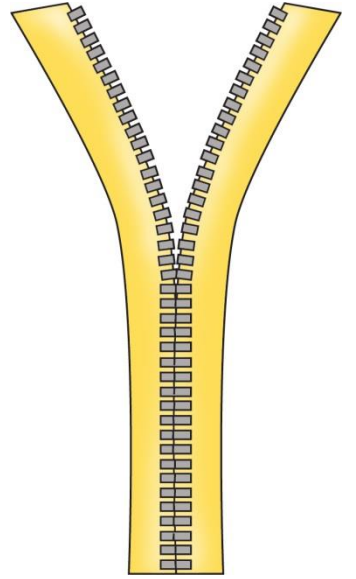
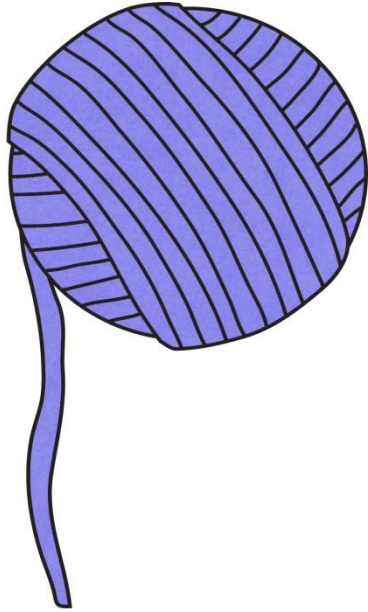
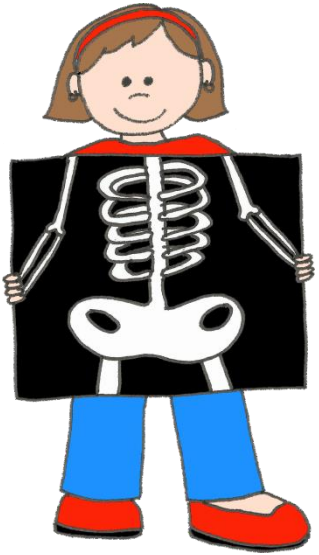
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