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SENSORY BIN ACTIVITY



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School Bus Alphabet Match

Turn alphabet practice into a hands-on sensory bin activity! Children search for letter or picture window cards and match them to the correct school bus mat. Three levels of play make it easy to differentiate the activity as children progress from letter recognition to beginning sounds.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6 school bus alphabet mats covering A–Z
- 26 uppercase letter window cards
- 26 lowercase letter window cards
- 26 beginning-sound picture window cards
- Beginning Sounds Picture Key
- Teacher Directions
- Illustrated How to Play card
- 3 Levels of Play guide
- More Ways to Play card
- Storage label

3 LEVELS OF PLAY

1. Match uppercase letters to the same uppercase letters.
2. Match lowercase letters to their uppercase letters.
3. Match beginning-sound pictures to their corresponding letters.

SKILLS PRACTICED

Letter recognition • Uppercase and lowercase letter matching • Beginning-sound awareness • Alphabetical order • Vocabulary • Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

Perfect for: Preschool • Pre-K • Transitional Kindergarten • Kindergarten • Homeschool

Happy Teaching!

Sensory Bin Setup & Safety

Sensory bins provide engaging opportunities for hands-on learning, but all materials should be selected and used with the needs of your learners in mind.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Print the required pages on cardstock.
- Cut out the activity pieces and laminate them for durability, if desired.
- Choose a shallow tray or sensory bin that allows children to reach the materials comfortably.
- Add a sensory filler appropriate for your learners.
- Place the printable pieces throughout the filler. Some pieces can remain partly visible to encourage searching and discovery.
- Add child-safe tweezers, tongs or scoops when appropriate.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Adult supervision is required at all times.
- These activities include small loose parts that may present a choking hazard.
- Not intended for children under 3 years of age.
- Do not use with children who mouth classroom materials.
- Check all materials for allergies and sensory sensitivities before use.
- Choose fillers and tools that are appropriate for the age, abilities and needs of your learners.
- Inspect the materials before each use and remove any damaged pieces.
- The supervising adult is responsible for determining whether each material is suitable for the children using it.

CHOOSING A FILLER

Suggested fillers vary by activity and are shown on each Teacher Directions page. Consider the age of your learners, allergies, sensory preferences, and classroom policies when selecting a filler.

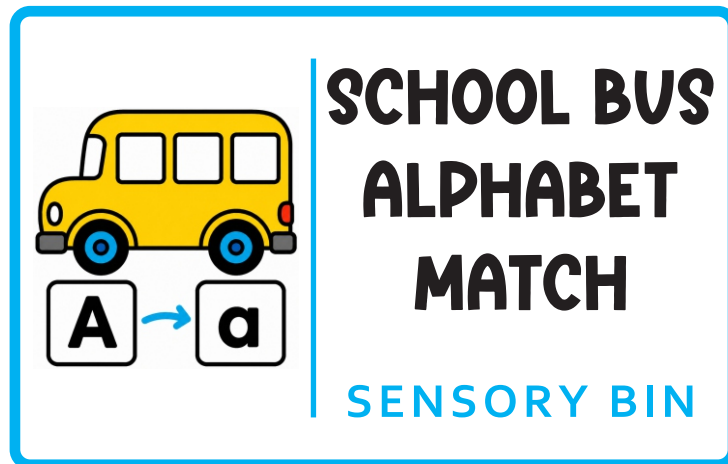
Sensory fillers, containers, tools, and loose parts are not included with this printable resource.

STORAGE AND CARE

- Store each activity in a separate labeled bag or container.
- Keep all printable pieces and teacher directions together.
- Count the pieces before and after use.
- Wipe laminated pieces clean with a slightly damp cloth.
- Allow all materials to dry completely before storing them.
- Replace any pieces that become damaged, torn or difficult to clean.

Happy Teaching!

STORAGE LABELS



SCHOOL BUS ALPHABET MATCH

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- School bus mats
- Window cards
- Sensory bin
- Black beans and yellow foam rectangles
- Optional plastic tongs

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a school bus mat.
2. Find a window card.
3. Name the letter or picture.
4. Match it to the correct bus window.

PREPARATION

1. Print on cardstock.
2. Laminate for durability.
3. Cut apart the window cards.
4. Add the beans, foam rectangles and cards to the sensory bin.

DIFFERENTIATION

Begin with uppercase matching. Progress to lowercase-to-uppercase matching, then introduce the beginning-sound picture cards. Start with one bus and add more as children are ready.

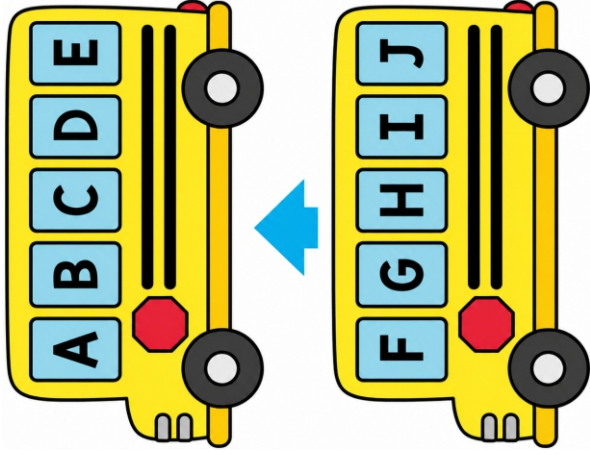
LEARNING FOCUS

Letter recognition • Letter-case matching • Beginning sounds • Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

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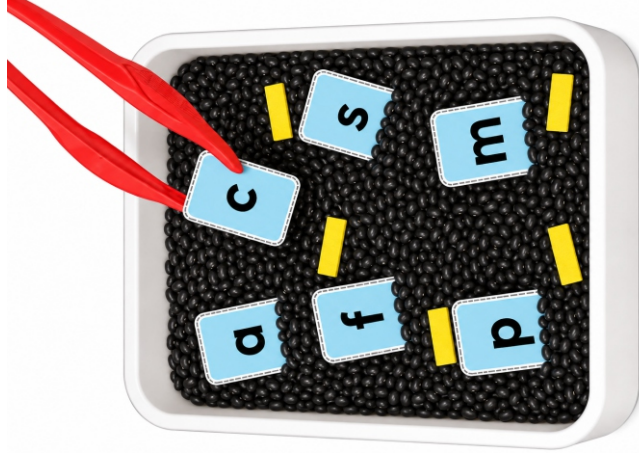
How To Play

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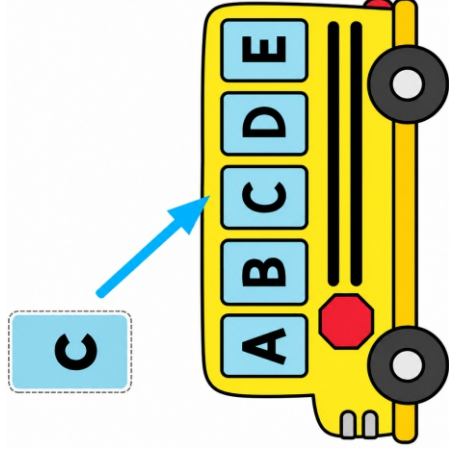
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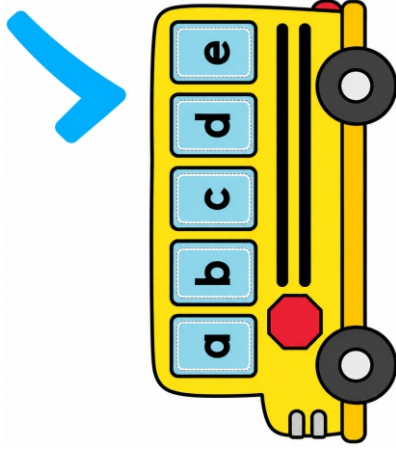
Find a window.

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Say its name.
Match it.

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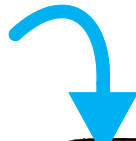


Fill the bus.
Check your
matches.

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3 Levels of Play

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SAME LETTER MATCH

Match each uppercase window to the same letter on the bus.

Builds letter recognition

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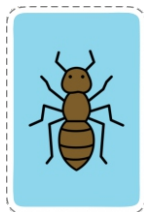


LETTER CASE MATCH

Match each lowercase window to its uppercase letter on the bus.

Builds uppercase and lowercase letter recognition

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BEGINNING SOUND MATCH

Name each picture and match it to its beginning letter on the bus.

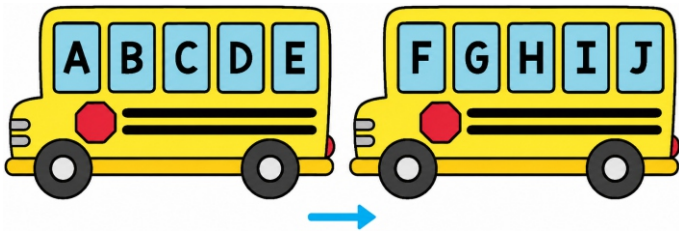
Develops beginning-sound awareness

Choose the level that best supports your learners.

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More Ways to Play

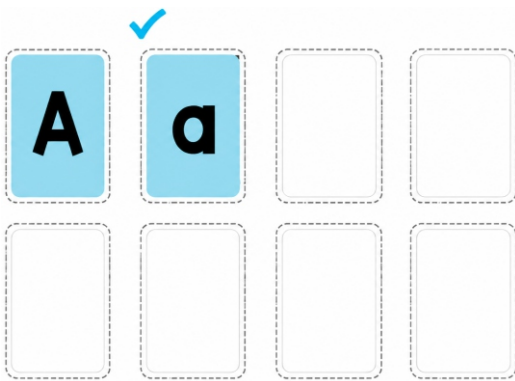
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BUILD THE BUS LINE

1. Arrange the bus mats in alphabetical order.
2. Point to and name the letters from A to Z.
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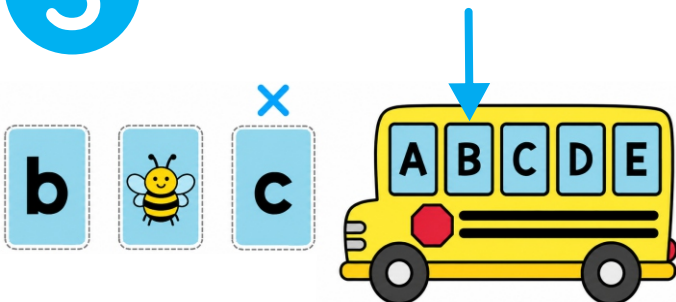
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ALPHABET MEMORY MATCH

1. Choose two matching window sets.
2. Place the windows facedown.
3. Turn over two windows and name them.
4. Keep the pair if they match.

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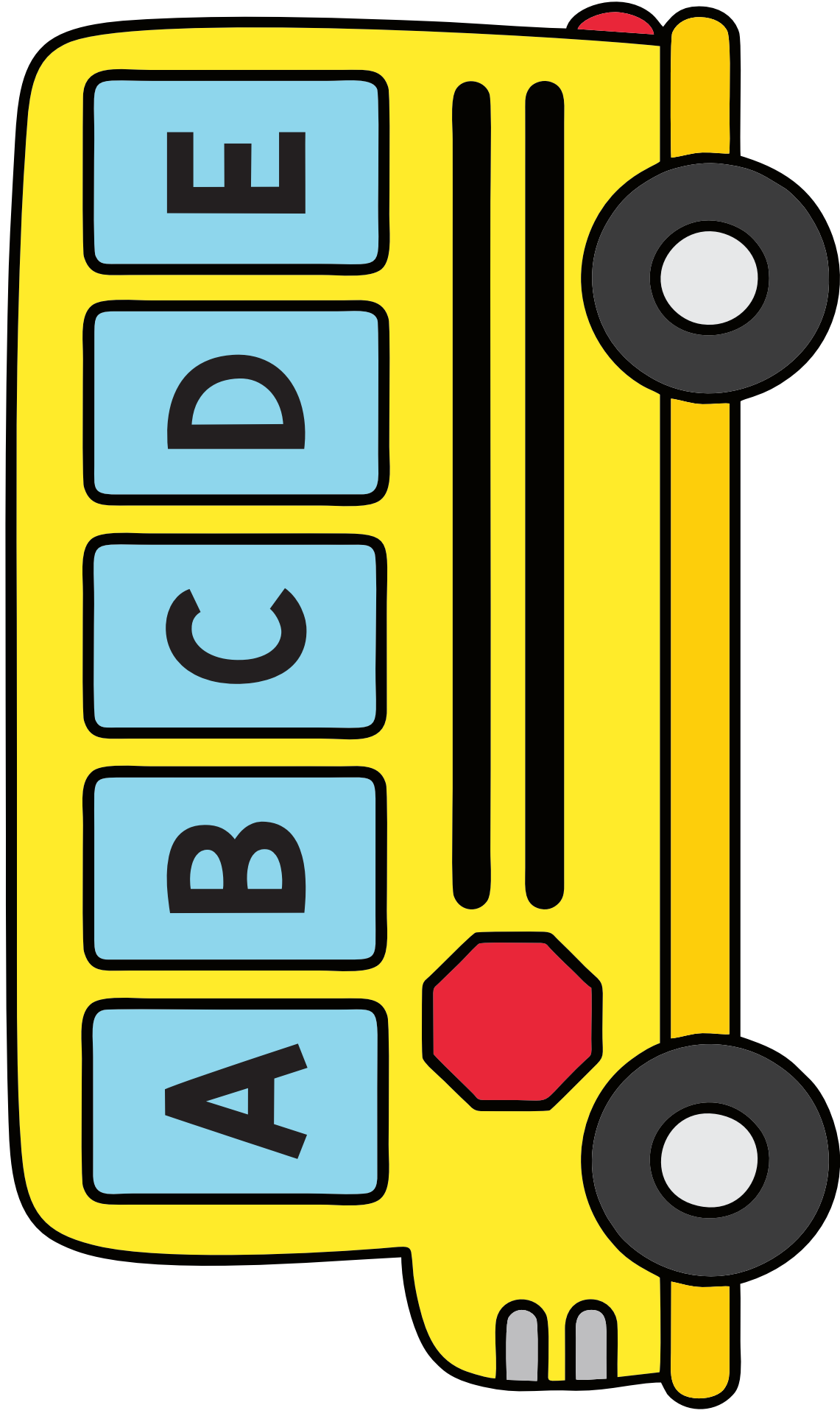
WHICH WINDOW DOESN'T BELONG?

1. Choose a target letter on a bus.
2. Place two matching windows and one that does not match beside the bus.
3. Find and remove the window that does not belong.

TEACHER TIP

Encourage children to name each letter or picture and explain why it matches, or does not match, the target letter.

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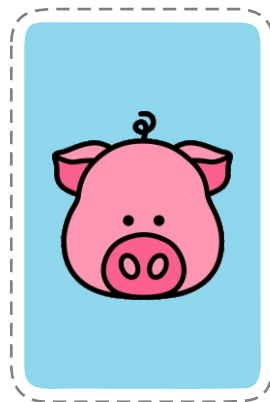
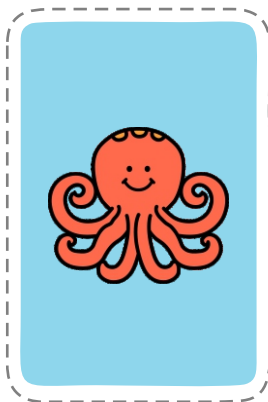
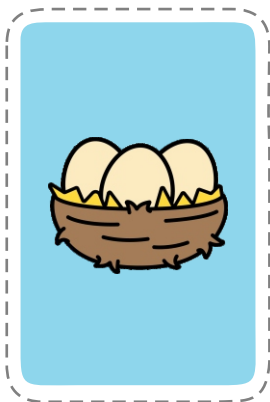
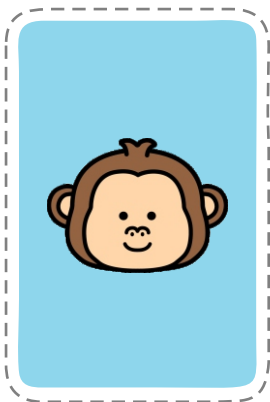
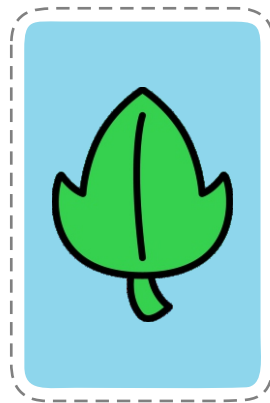
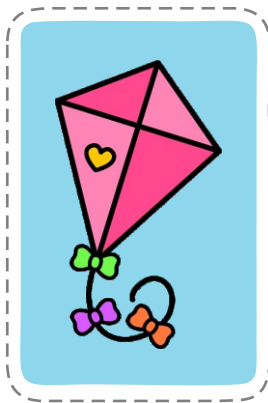
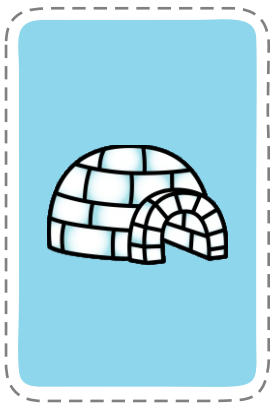
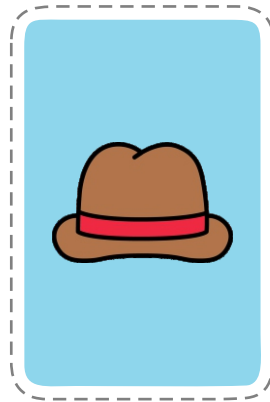
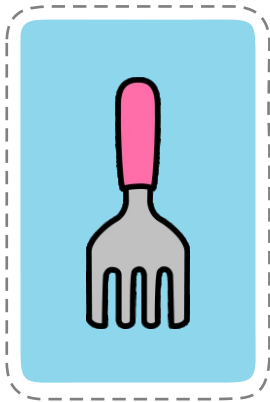
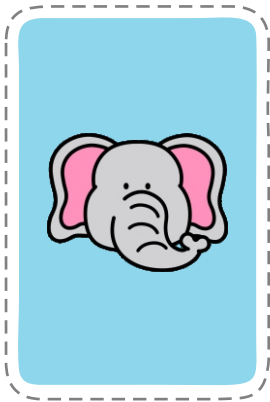
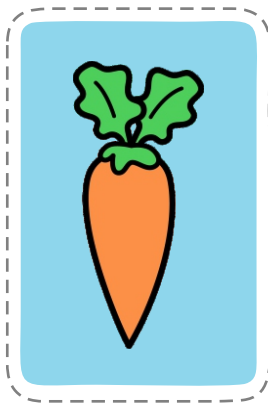
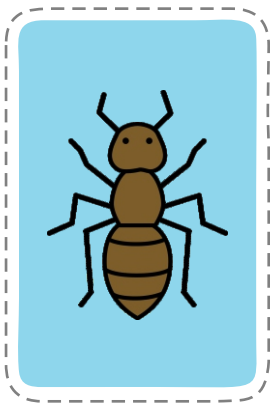
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BEGINNING SOUNDS PICTURE KEY

Aa		ant	Nn		nest
Bb		bird	Oo		octopus
Cc		carrot	Pp		pig
Dd		dog	Qq		queen
Ee		elephant	Rr		rabbit
Ff		fork	Ss		sock
Gg		goat	Tt		turtle
Hh		hat	Uu		umbrella
Ii		igloo	Vv		van
Jj		jam	Ww		watermelon
Kk		kite	Xx		x-ray
Ll		leaf	Yy		yarn
Mm		monkey	Zz		zebra