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SENSORY BIN ACTIVITY



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LETTER MATCH



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Apple Orchard Letter Match

Turn apple picking into playful alphabet practice! Children search a sensory bin for apple pieces and match them to the letters on an apple tree mat.

This hands on activity supports letter recognition, uppercase and lowercase matching, and beginning sounds while developing fine motor skills. Three levels of play make it easy to adapt the activity to your learners.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 apple tree letter mats: 4 uppercase and 4 lowercase
- 26 red uppercase letter apples
- 26 green lowercase letter apples
- 26 yellow picture apples
- Beginning Sounds Picture Key
- Teacher directions
- Visual how to play guide
- 3 levels of play
- 3 additional ways to play
- Sensory bin setup and safety guide
- Storage label

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a tree mat and a matching set of apple pieces.
2. Search the sensory bin and find an apple.
3. Name the letter or picture.
4. Match the apple to the correct letter on the tree.
5. Continue until the tree is filled, then check the matches.

MORE WAYS TO PLAY

- Same Letter Match: Match uppercase apples to uppercase letters or lowercase apples to lowercase letters.
- Letter Case Match: Match uppercase apples to lowercase letters or lowercase apples to uppercase letters.
- Beginning Sound Match: Name each

picture and match it to the letter representing its beginning sound. Use the Picture Key for support.

SKILLS PRACTICED

- Letter recognition and naming
- Uppercase and lowercase matching
- Beginning sound awareness
- Picture naming and vocabulary
- Visual discrimination
- Fine motor coordination
- Following visual directions
- Independent task completion

PERFECT FOR

- Preschool and pre-K literacy centers
- Kindergarten alphabet practice
- Apple and fall themes
- Sensory bin activities
- Small group learning
- Morning tubs
- Homeschool activities

PREPARATION

Print the mats and apple pieces on cardstock and laminate for durability. Cut out the apple pieces along the circular cutting lines, leaving the tree mats as full pages. Place the selected apples in a sensory bin with a suitable filler. Optional tweezers or tongs provide additional fine motor practice.

Begin with one tree and its matching apples. Introduce more letters and different matching tasks as children are ready. Review picture names before beginning sound play.

Teacher note: X is represented by “x-ray,” which begins with the letter name “ex,” rather than the /ks/ sound heard in “fox.”

Adult supervision is required when using sensory fillers and small pieces.

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

Possible fillers include pom-poms, shredded paper, dry pasta, cereal, oats or other classroom-safe materials. Consider the age of your learners, allergies, sensory preferences and classroom policies when selecting a filler.

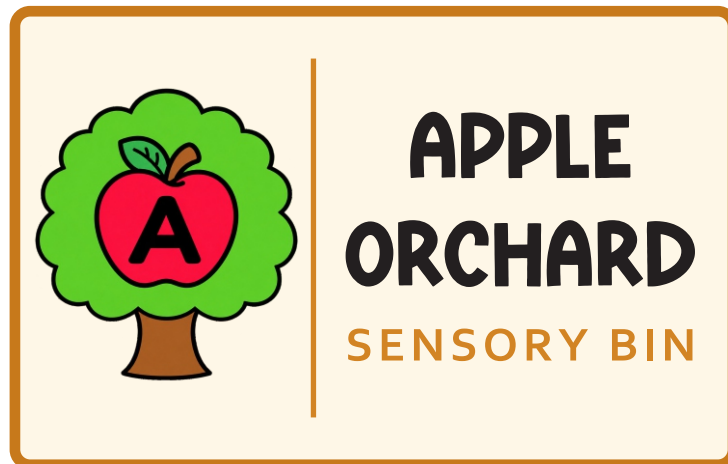
Sensory fillers, containers, tools and loose parts are not included with this printable resource.

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.

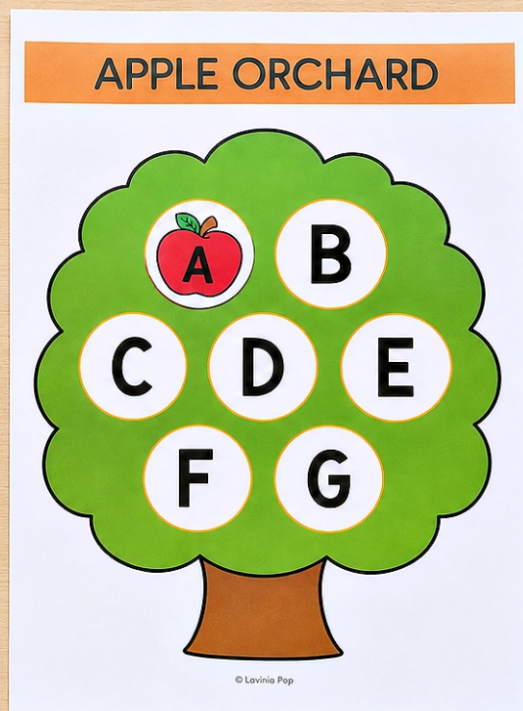
Happy Teaching!

STORAGE LABEL



APPLE ORCHARD LETTER MATCH

Teacher Directions



YOU WILL NEED

- Apple Orchard letter mats
- Red, green, and yellow apple pieces
- Beginning Sounds Picture Key
- Sensory bin and filler
- Optional tweezers or tongs

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a letter mat and apple set.
2. Find an apple in the sensory bin.
3. Name the letter or picture.
4. Match it to the correct letter on the tree.
5. Continue until the tree is filled.

PREPARATION

1. Print the materials on cardstock.
2. Laminate for durability.
3. Cut apart the apple pieces.
4. Choose a matching set.
5. Add the pieces 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 tree and add more as children are ready.

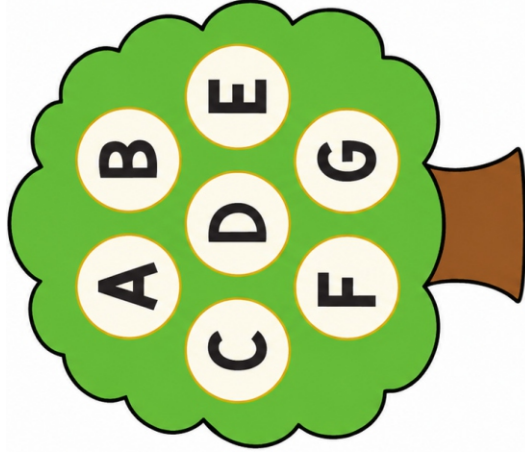
LEARNING FOCUS

Letter recognition • Uppercase and lowercase matching •
Beginning sounds • Visual discrimination • Fine motor skills

APPLE ORCHARD LETTER MATCH

How To Play

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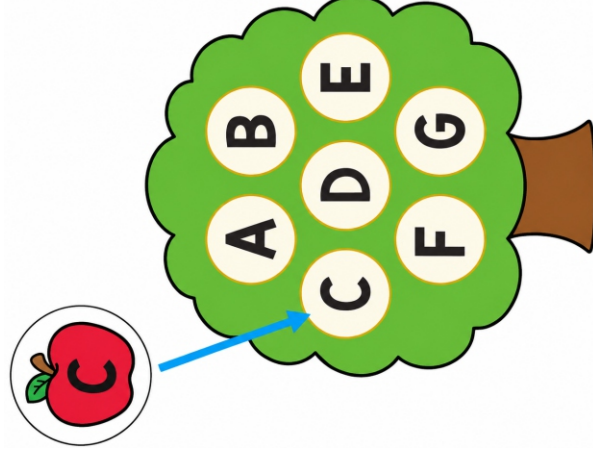
Choose a tree.

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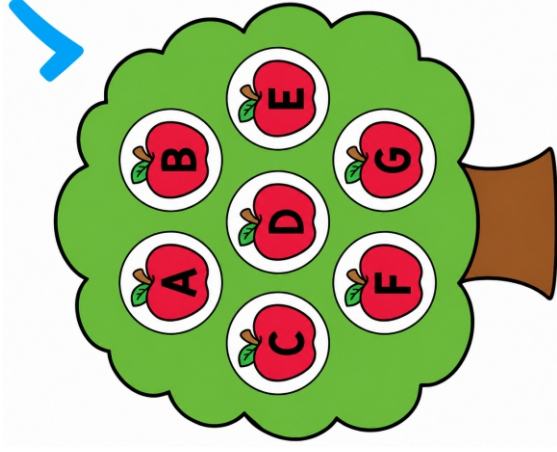
Find an apple.

3



Say its name.
Match it.

4



Fill the tree.
Check your
matches.

APPLE ORCHARD LETTER MATCH

3 Levels of Play

1



SAME LETTER MATCH

Match each apple to the identical letter.

Builds letter recognition

2



LETTER CASE MATCH

Match uppercase and lower case letters.

Builds uppercase and lowercase letter recognition

3



BEGINNING SOUND MATCH

Name each picture and match it's beginning sound.

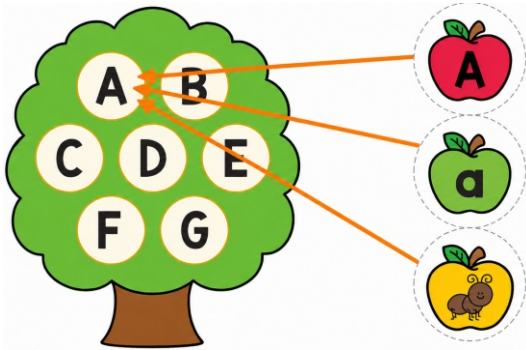
Develops beginning-sound awareness

Choose the level that best supports your learners.

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More Ways to Play

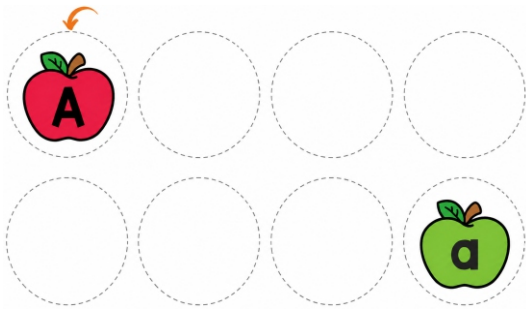
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MATCH IT THREE WAYS

1. Choose a target letter on a tree.
2. Find the matching uppercase, lowercase, and picture apples.
3. Name the letter, say its sound, and name the picture.

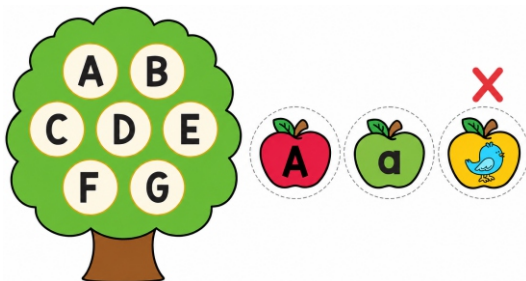
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APPLE MEMORY MATCH

1. Choose two matching sets of apple cards.
2. Place the apples facedown.
3. Turn over two apples and name them.
4. Keep the pair if they match.

3



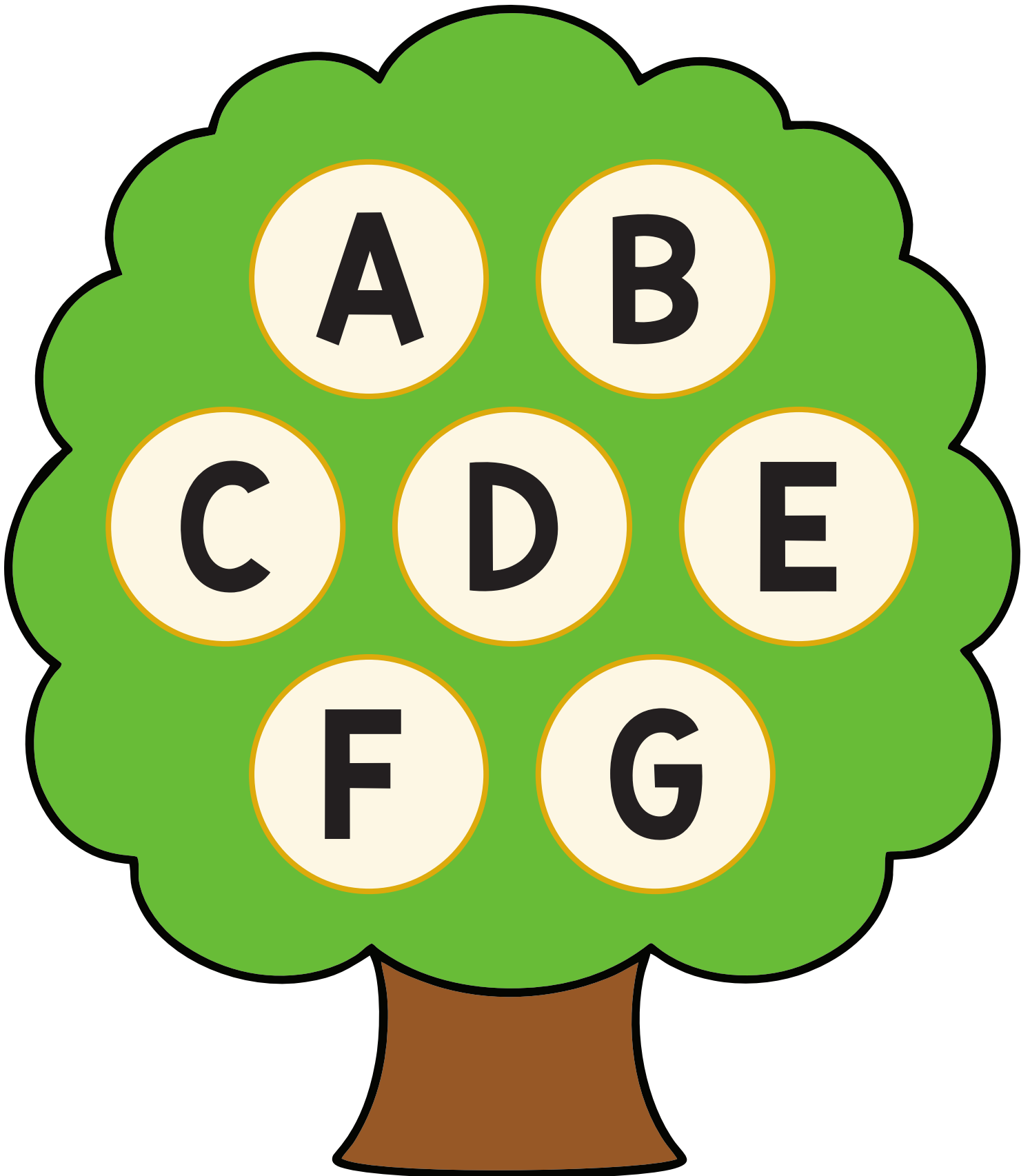
WHICH APPLE DOESN'T BELONG?

1. Choose a target letter on a tree.
2. Place two matching apples and one that does not match beside the tree.
3. Find and remove the apple that does not belong. Explain why.

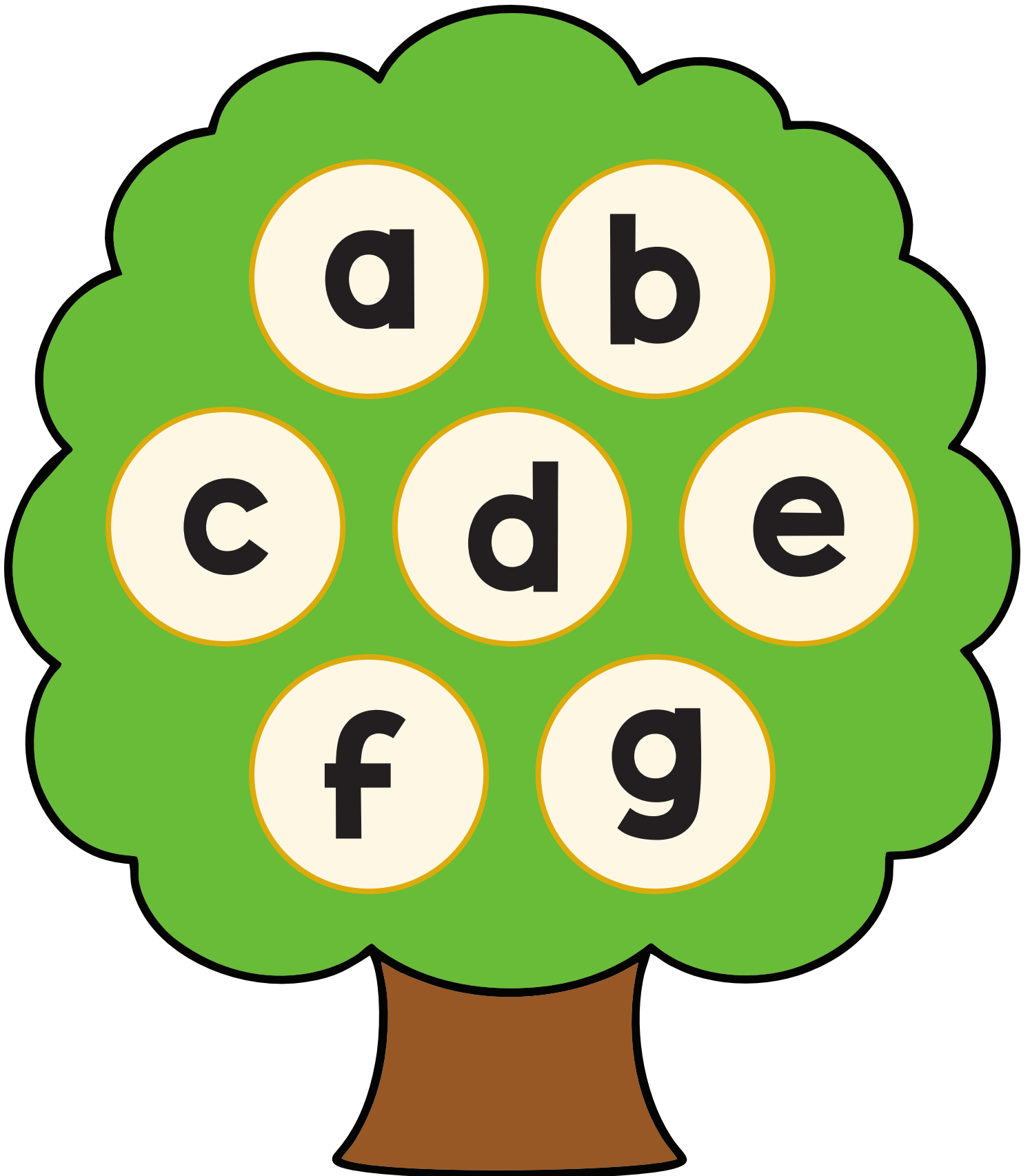
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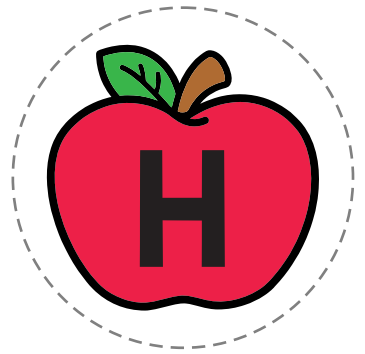
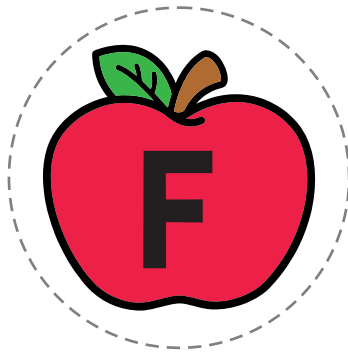
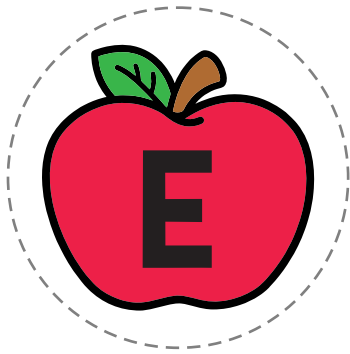
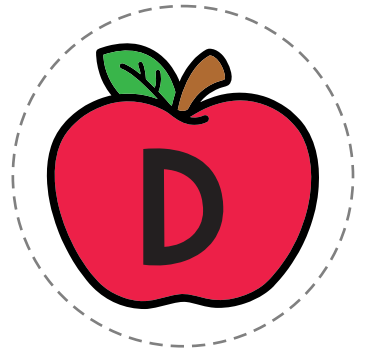
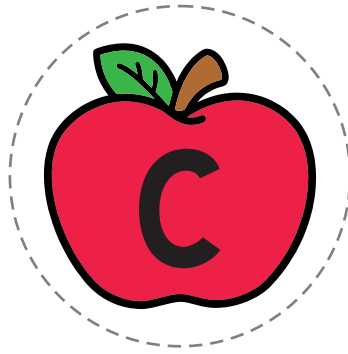
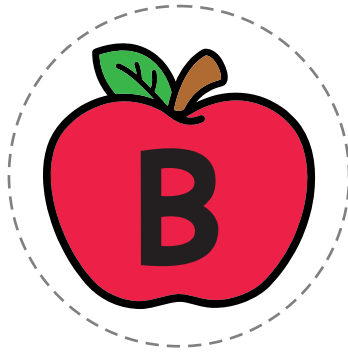
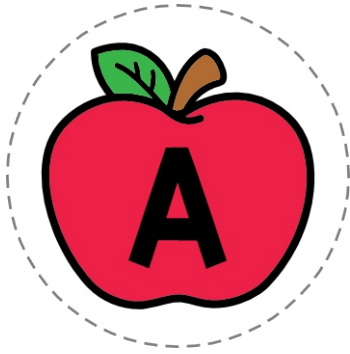
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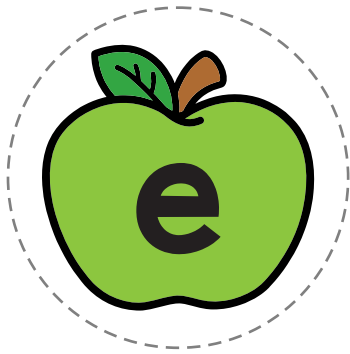
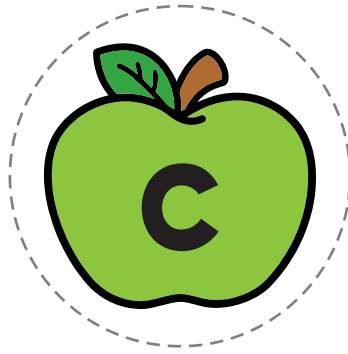
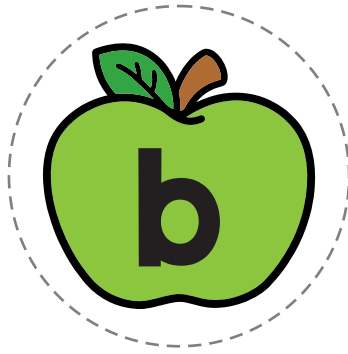
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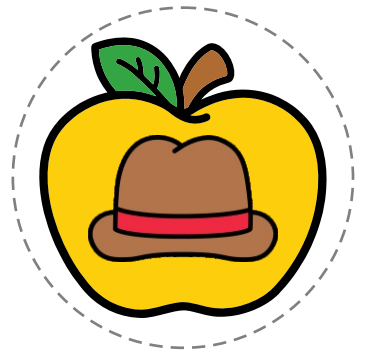
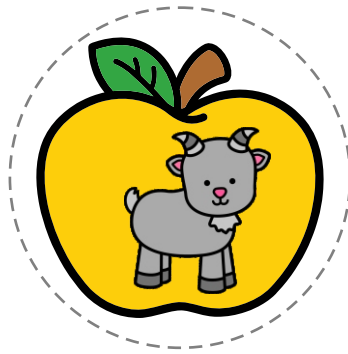
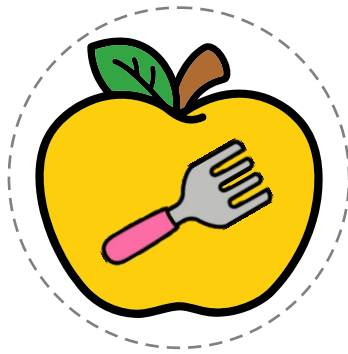
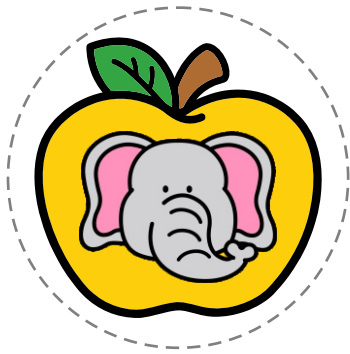
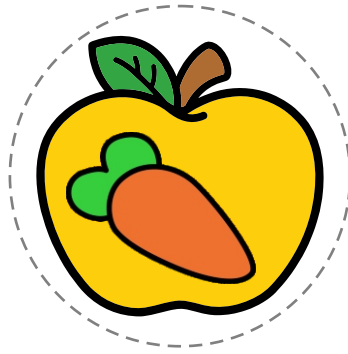
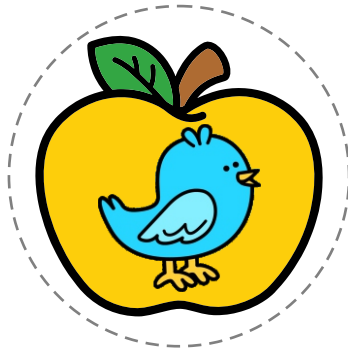
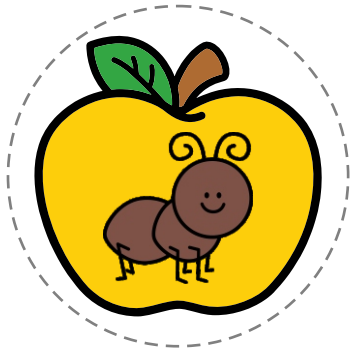


APPLE ORCHARD









BEGINNING SOUNDS PICTURE KEY

Aa



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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



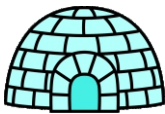
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Uu



umbrella

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watermelon

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Xx



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leaf

Yy



yarn

Mm



monkey

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