



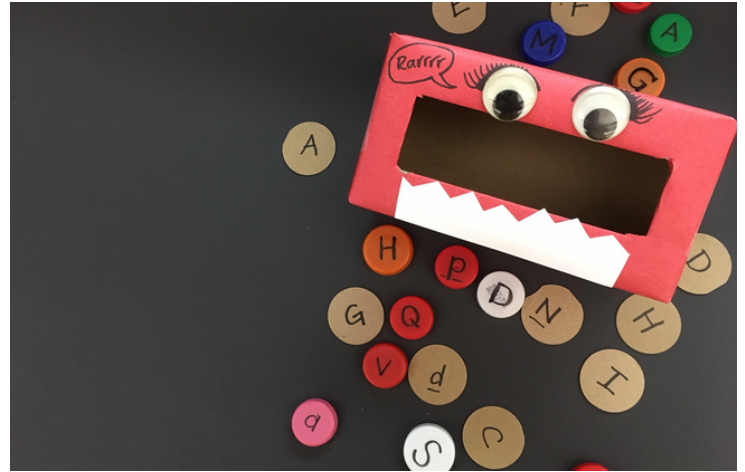
# Letter Monster Game

## Episode 29

### Introduction

You know that learning the alphabet is important for your child's pre-literacy abilities, but being truly comfortable with all 26 letters takes more practice than just singing the "ABC's". Incorporating play while learning the alphabet is a great way to increase your child's letter recognition!

This letter monster game does just that, helping your child recognize letters and letter sounds in the names of everyday objects!



### Supplies

- Empty tissue box
- Colored paper
- White paper
- Googly eyes
- Glue/tape
- Permanent marker
- Plastic bottlecaps, or an empty cereal box
- Scissors

### Instructions

1. Create a monster box: Pull the plastic out of the mouth of the tissue box, then cover the box with colored paper. Add googly eyes, then cut a row of teeth from white paper and glue to the box. Decorate however you'd like!
  2. Write letters on bottle caps: Write letters on plastic bottle caps; use upper-case, lower-case, or a mix! If you don't have enough bottle caps, use circles cut from a cereal box instead.
- Tip: Modify for your child's needs—Mix it up! Try writing numbers and shapes on the bottle caps. For older children, write sight words on the bottle caps!

### Additional Resources

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Cover the box with paper. Remember to make a hole for the mouth!



Write letters on the bottle caps or cardboard circles.

### How to Use Your Letter Monster

With your monster box and letter pieces, sing this song:

Letter Monster, Letter Monster, munch, munch,  
What kind of letter do you want for lunch?

Name a letter (tip: talk in a "monster" voice!), then have your child find that letter and pop it in the monster's "mouth". You can also have the "monster" say "I want things that start with the letter—", then name a letter and let your child find small objects that begin with that letter around your house, then "feed" those to the monster.

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