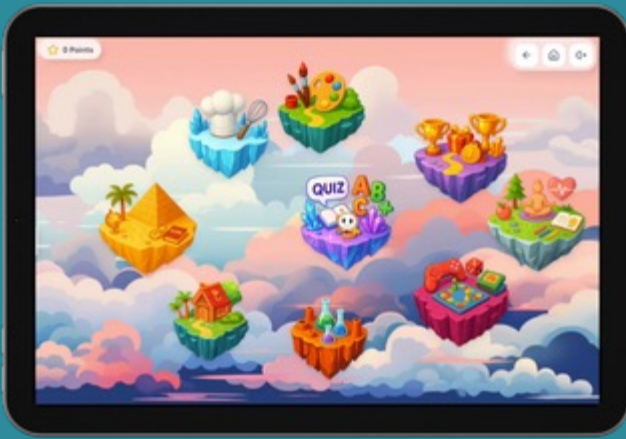


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Symbol Exploration Foundation Unit

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Letters Are Symbols



Aa

letters have
names and sounds



4

numbers show
how many



signs give
a message



pictures can
share an idea

Today we are letter detectives!

Uppercase and Lowercase Letters

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

Two forms. One letter.

Uppercase and Lowercase Letters

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

Ww

Xx

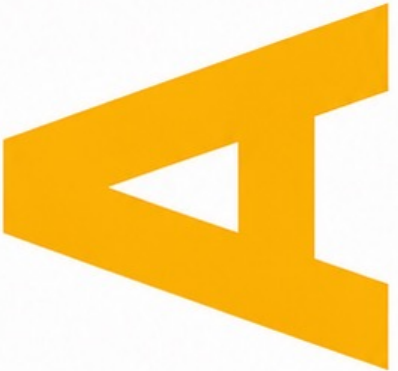
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Zz

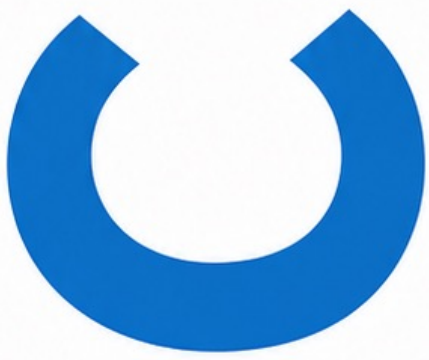
Two forms. One letter.

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

			
			
			
			
a	g	o	q

			
			
			
			
B	D	P	R

			
			
			
			
c	e	o	s

			
			
			
			
D	O	Q	P

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

E			
e	c	o	a

f			
F	T	J	P

G			
g	q	y	p

h			
H	N	M	K

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

	
	
	
i	j
l	t

	
	
	
J	I
L	T

	
	
	
k	x
r	v

	
	
	
L	I
T	F

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

	
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐

	
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐

	
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐

	
	☐
	☐
	☐
	☐

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

	☐	q
	☐	a
	☐	r
	☐	y

	☐	R
	☐	P
	☐	B
	☐	K

	☐	s
	☐	z
	☐	c
	☐	e

	☐	T
	☐	F
	☐	I
	☐	J

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

U			
u	v	w	n

V			
v	y	u	w

W			
w	m	u	n

X			
x	k	y	v

Alphabet Pair Clip Cards

Clip the matching letter.

Y			
y	g	q	p

Z			
z	W	M	S



Letter Detective Search Mat



Find and circle each letter. Tick it on the list.

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A	3	a	7	B	heart
b	?	C	1	c	9
D	5	d	+	E	star
e	●	A	2	b	8
C	4	d	8	E	a

☐	A a
☐	B b
☐	C c
☐	D d
☐	E e



Letter Detective Search Mat



Find and circle each letter. Tick it on the list.

F	2	f	G	6
g	?	H	h	♥
I	8	i	I	3
j	○	F	g	△
H	1	i	J	5

☐ F	f
☐ G	g
☐ H	h
☐ I	i
☐ J	j



Letter Detective Search Mat



Find and circle each letter. Tick it on the list.

PREVIEW

K	2	k	L	6
l	?	M	4	♥
N	8	n	+	3
o	○	K	7	l
M	1	n	5	O

☐	K k
☐	L l
☐	M m
☐	N n
☐	O o



Letter Detective Search Mat



Find and circle each letter. Tick it on the list.

P	2	p	☆	Q	6
q	?	R	4	1	♥
S	8	s	+	T	3
t	○	P	7	q	→
R	1	s	5	T	✓



P p



Q q



R r



S s



T t



Letter Detective Search Mat



Find and circle each letter. Tick it on the list.

U	2	u	☆	V	6
v	?	W	4	w	♡
X	8	x	+	x	3
y	○	Z	7	z	△
U	1	v	5	W	1
X	4	y	9	Z	w

☐	U u
☐	V v
☐	W w
☐	X x
☐	Y y
☐	Z z

Name: _____

Letter or Number?

Circle the letters. Cross out the numbers.

A	3	m	7
B	5	s	2
e	9	T	4
g	1	N	8

Letter or Number?

Circle the letters. Cross out the numbers.

A	3	m	7
B	5	s	2
e	9	T	4
g	1	N	8

Name: _____

Uppercase or Lowercase?

Write U for uppercase or L for lowercase.

A		b		C	
d		e		F	
G		h		i	
J		k		L	

Name: ANSWERS

Uppercase or Lowercase?

Write U for uppercase or L for lowercase.

A U b L C U

d L e L F U

G U h L i L

J U k L L U

Name: _____

Match the Letter Pairs

Draw a line from each uppercase letter to its lowercase match.

A

F

M

R

B

C

N

T

f

a

r

m

g

b

t

n

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Match the Letter Pairs

Draw a line from each uppercase letter to its lowercase match.

The image shows a matching exercise with two columns of letters in circles. The left column contains uppercase letters: A, F, M, R, B, C, N, T. The right column contains lowercase letters: f, a, r, m, g, b, t, n. Red lines connect each uppercase letter to its corresponding lowercase letter: A to f, F to a, M to r, R to m, B to g, C to b, N to t, and T to n. A large red 'PREVIEW' watermark is diagonally across the center of the page.

Uppercase Letter	Lowercase Match
A	f
F	a
M	r
R	m
B	g
C	b
N	t
T	n

Name: _____

Letter Shape Detectives

C = curves

S = straight lines

B = both

Write C, S or B.

C

O

S

U

A

E

H

T

B

D

P

R

Name: ANSWERS

Letter Shape Detectives

C = curves

S = straight lines

B = both

Write C, S or B.

C C O C S C

U B A S E S

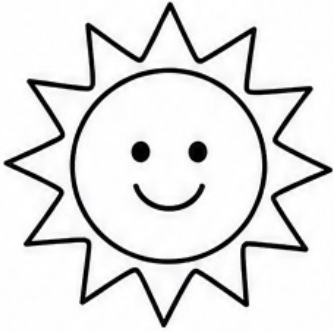
H S T S B B

D B P B R B

Beginning Sound Symbols

Name: _____

Circle the letter that starts each word.



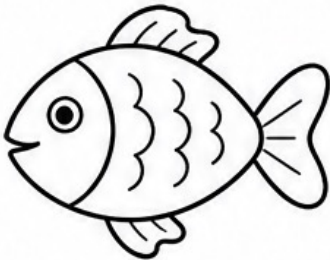
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s m t



moon

m n r



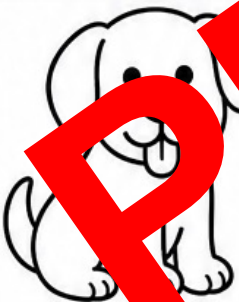
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f p b



cat

c k a



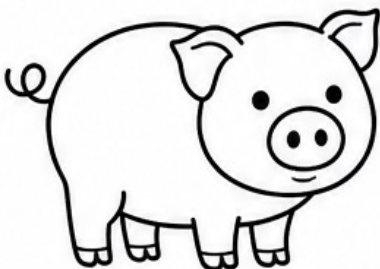
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d b g



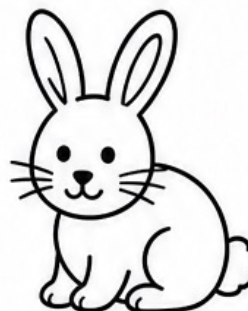
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h m n



pig

p b d



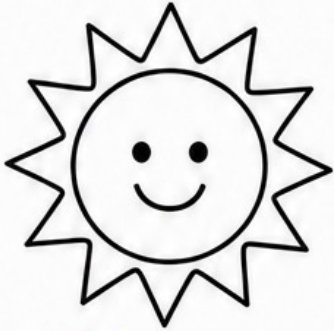
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r t n

Beginning Sound Symbols

Name: **ANSWERS**

Circle the letter that starts each word.



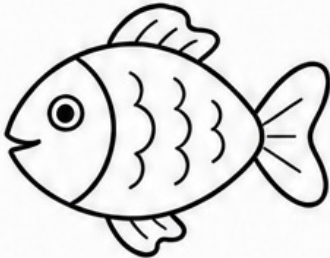
sun

s m t



moon

m n r



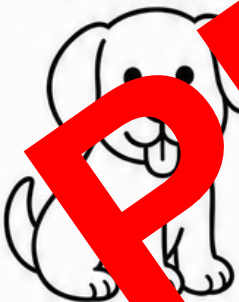
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cat

c k a



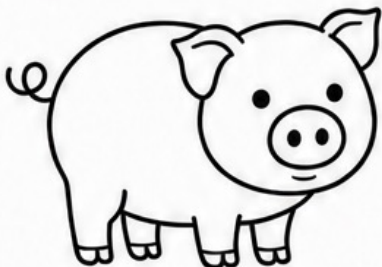
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d b g



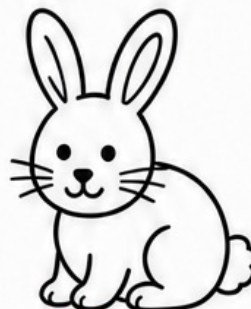
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h m n



pig

p b d



rabbit

r t n

Name: _____

Symbol Safari

Circle every letter. Leave the numbers and signs.

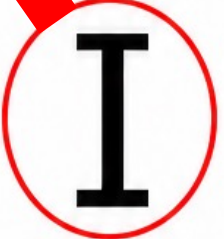
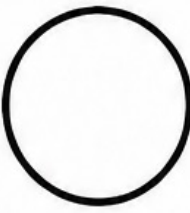
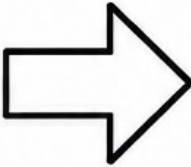
A	3	b	♥	C
7	d	☆	E	1
f	g	G	+	h
5	I	○	j	➔

Write any two letters you found:

Name: ANSWERS

Symbol Safari

Circle every letter. Leave the numbers and signs.

	3			
7				1
	2		+	
5				

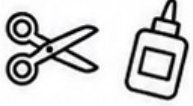
Write any two letters you found:

A

b

Letter Magazine Hunt

Name: _____



Find, cut and paste one example of each letter.

A a

B b

C c

D d

E e

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Name: _____

Letter Magazine Hunt



Find, cut and paste one example of each letter.

F f

G g

H h

I i

J j

PREVIEW

Letter Magazine Hunt

Name: _____



Find, cut and paste one example of each letter.

K k

L l

M m

N n

O o

Letter Magazine Hunt

Name: _____



Find, cut and paste one example of each letter.

P p

Q q

R r

S s

T t

Letter Magazine Hunt

Name: _____



Find, cut and paste one example of each letter.

U u

V v

W w

X x

Y y

Z z

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Symbol Explorer Assessment - Page 1

Name: _____

Task 1: Circle the letters.

A	4	m	7
B	2	e	9
T	5	g	1

Task 2: Write 1 on.

A	b	C
d	E	f

Symbol Explorer Assessment - Page 1

Name: ANSWERS

Task 1: Circle the letters.

A	4	m	7
B	2	e	9
T	5	g	1

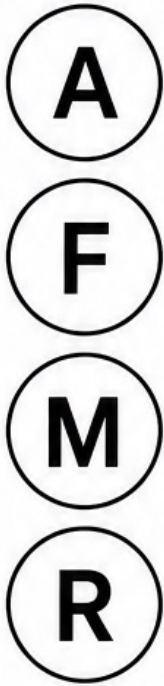
Task 2: Write 1 on.

A	b	C
U	L	U
d	E	f
L	U	L

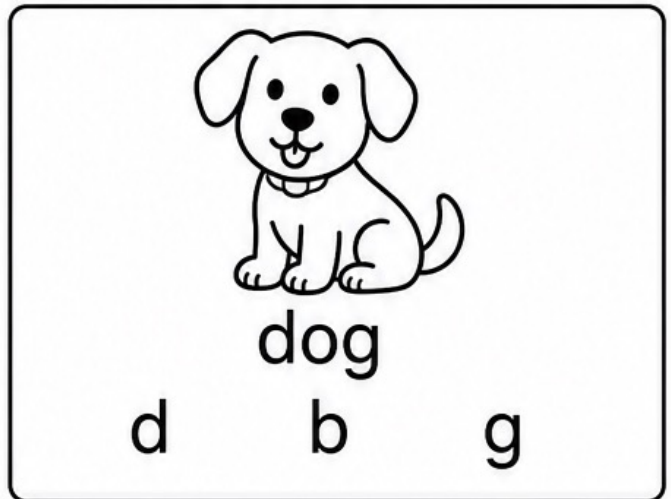
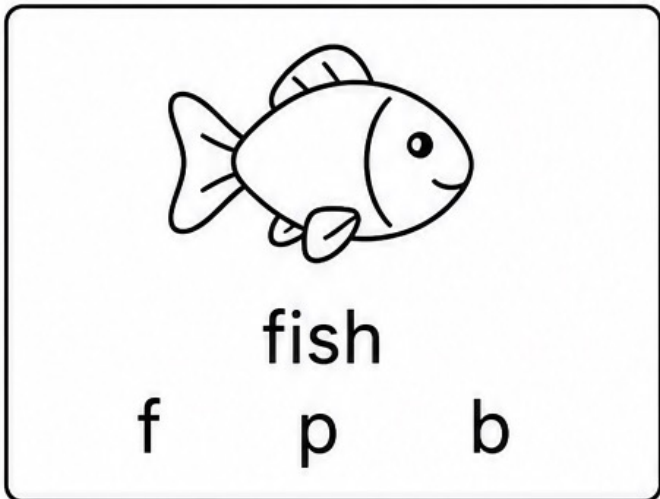
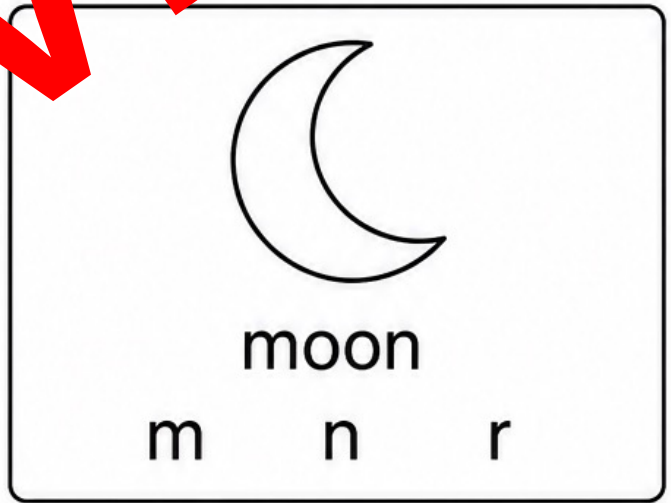
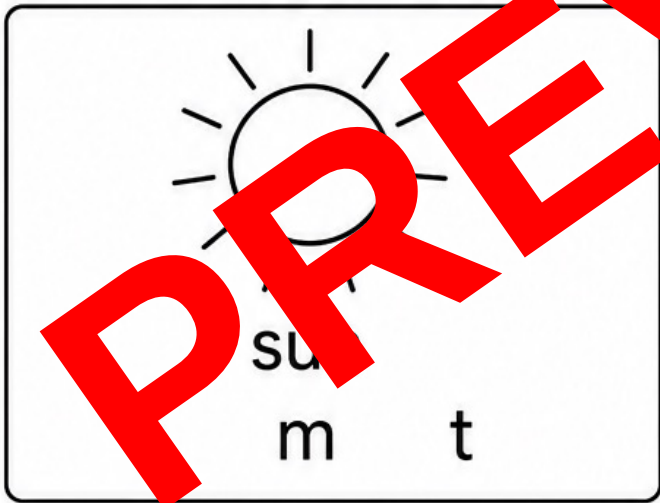
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Name: _____

Task 3: Match the letter pairs.



Task 4: Circle the first letter



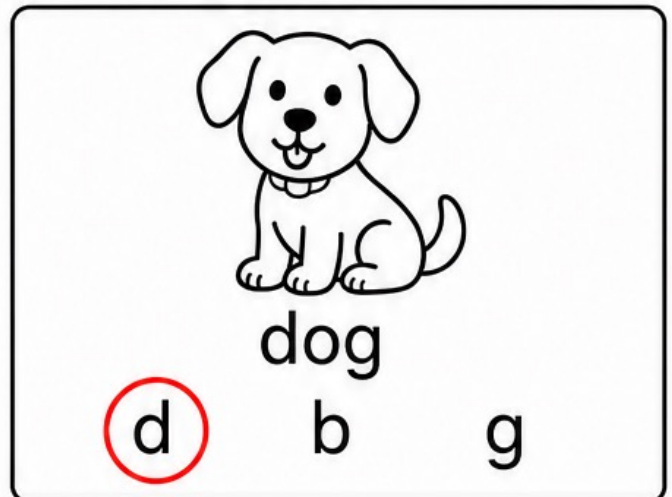
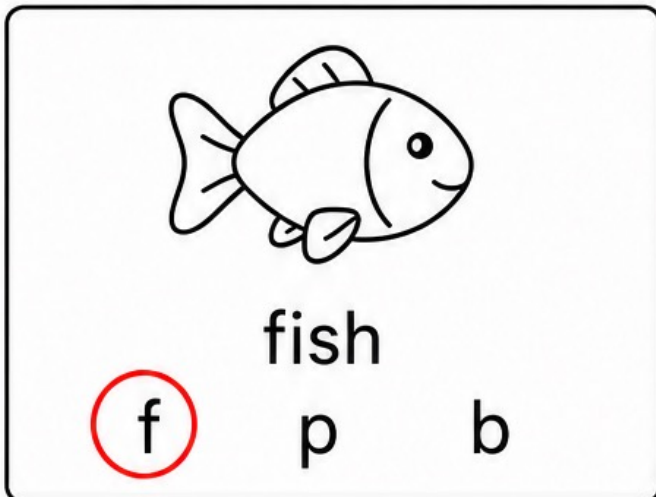
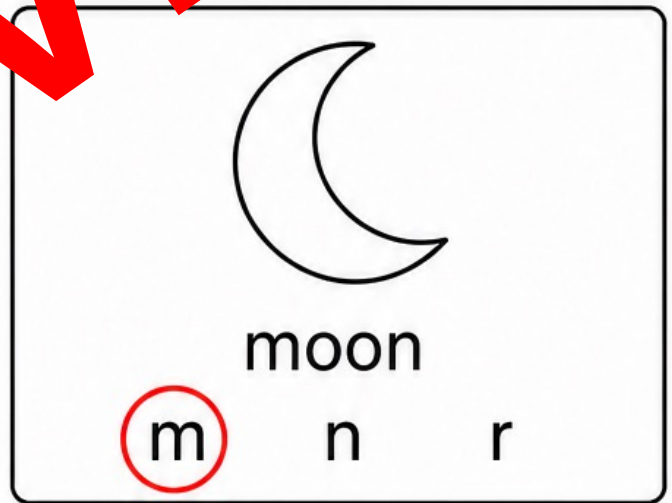
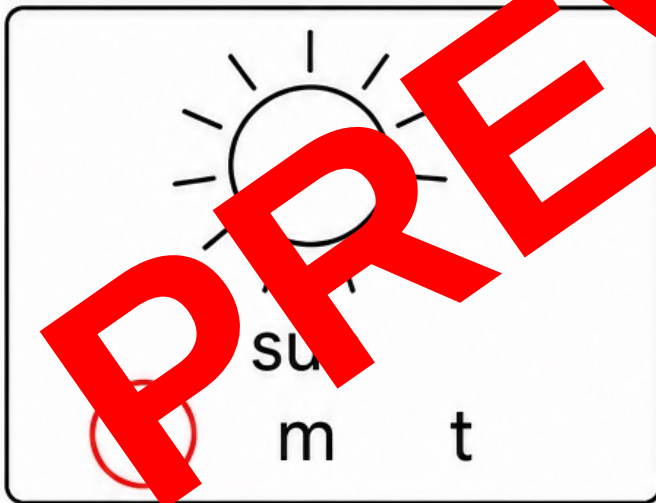
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Task 3: Match the letter pairs.



Task 4: Circle the first letter



Symbol Exploration Foundation Unit Rubric

CRITERIA	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVING	CONFIDENT	EXCEEDING
Letter recognition	Recognises a few letters with support.	Recognises some familiar letters.	Recognises most taught letters.	Recognises uppercase and lowercase letters.	Quickly recognises and names letters.
Case matching	Matches pairs with full support.	Matches some obvious pairs.	Matches most pairs independently.	Matches uppercase and lowercase accurately.	Explains and applies case matches.
Letter sounds	Gives sounds with full support.	Gives some common letter sounds.	Gives most letter sounds.	Gives common sounds accurately.	Applies sounds to unfamiliar words.
Independent work	Needs step-by-step support.	Works with frequent reminders.	Completes tasks with some support.	Works independently and checks.	Works independently and explains choices.

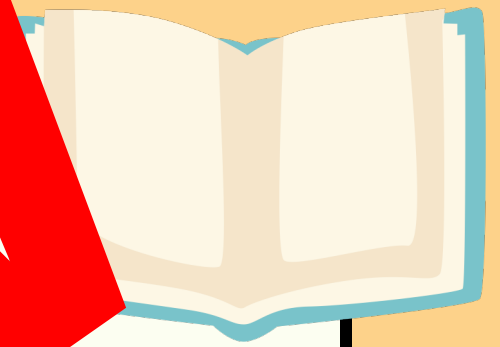
Symbol Exploration



Our Learning Goal

We are learning to recognise and name letters.

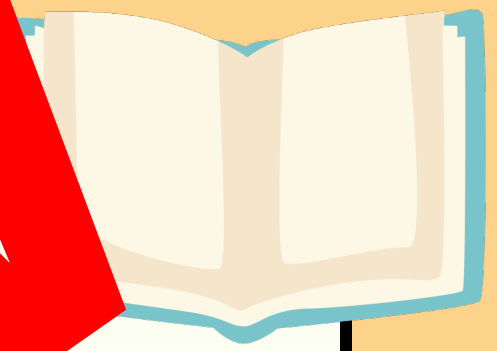
We will match uppercase and lowercase letters and say
their common sounds.



What Is a Symbol?

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meaning.

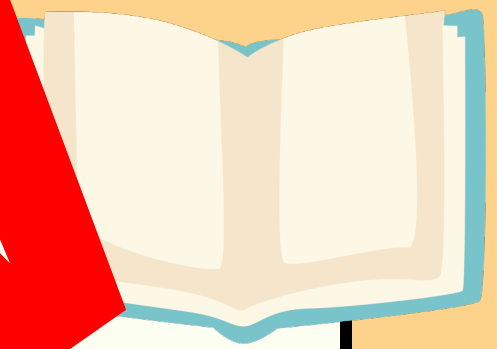
We use symbols to share messages.



Symbols Around Us

Letters • numbers • signs • pictures

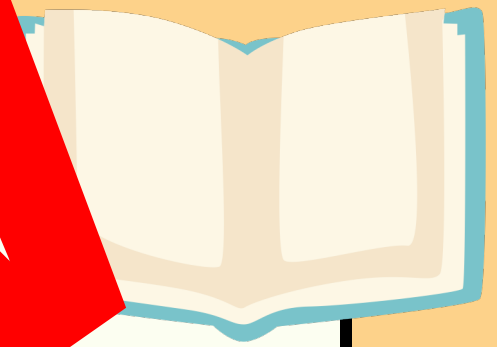
Each kind of symbol tells us something.



Letters Are Special Symbols

Every letter has a name, a shape and a sound.

Letters join together to make words.

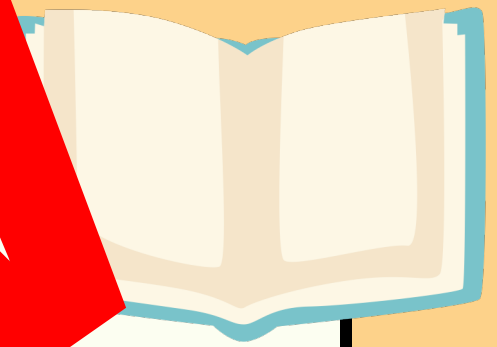


Uppercase and Lowercase

Uppercase A B C

Lowercase a b c

A and a are two forms of the same letter.



Every Letter Has a Name

Point to a letter. Say its name.

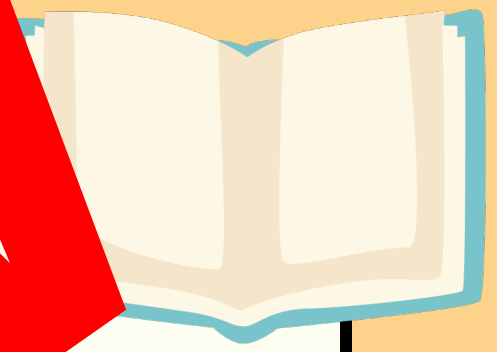
eg: M m • S s • T t



Letters Have Sounds

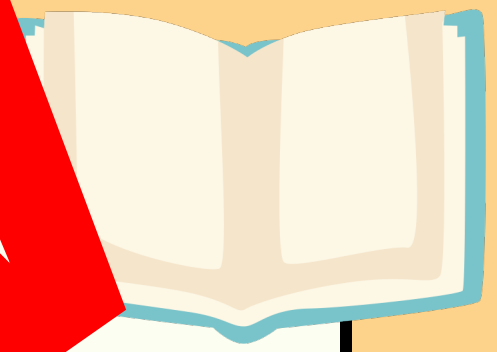
Many letters have a common sound.

S says /s/ in sun. M says /m/ in moon.



Listen and Point

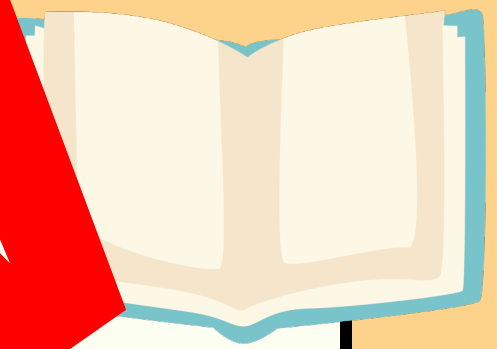
Listen to a letter name or sound.
Point to the matching letter.



Move Like a Letter

Make a small T. Curl like C. Stretch like X.

Say the letter name as you move.



Quick Sort: Letter or Number?

Which are letters?

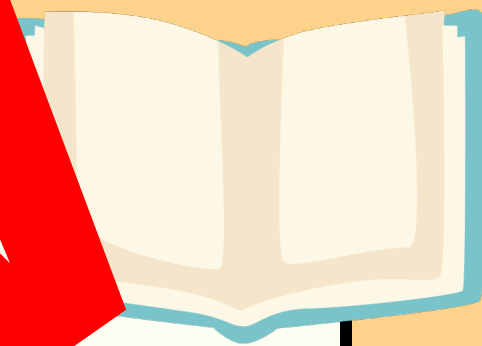
3 m / B 5



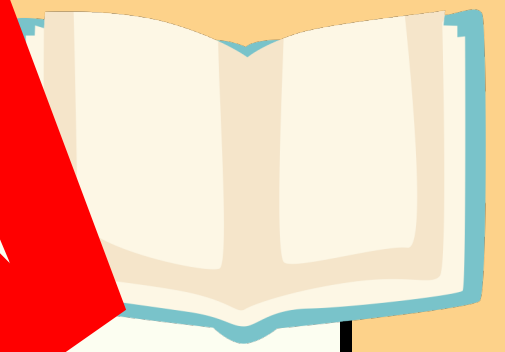
Quick Sort: Letter or Sign?

Which are letters?

★ d ? E ♥



Letter Shape Detectives



Curves: O S

Straight Lines: A E H T

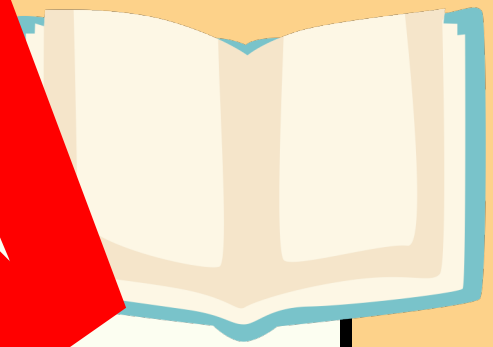
Both: U B D P R



Find the Case Pair

Match each pair:

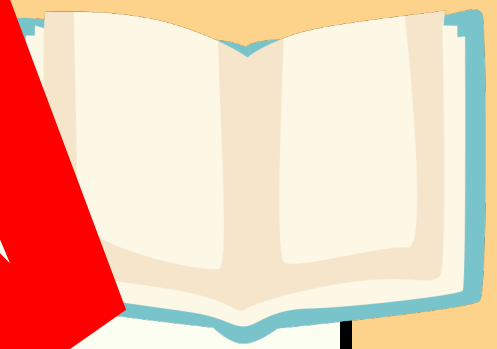
 c  f M  m R  r



Letters in Our Names

Find the first letter in your name.

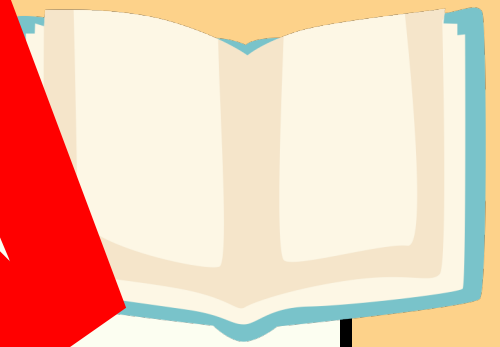
Is it uppercase? What sound does it make?



Alphabet Review A-M

A a B b C c D d E e F f G g

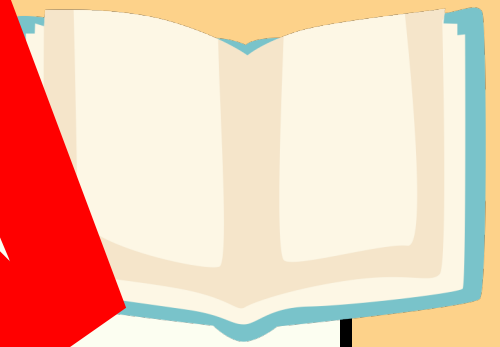
H h I i J j K k L l M m



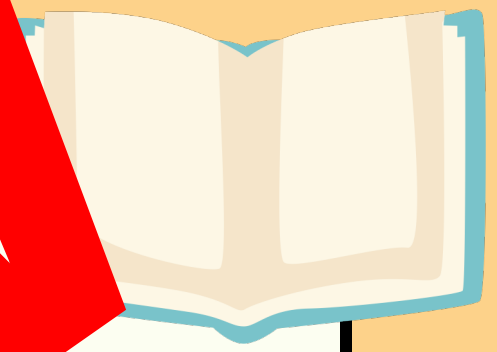
Alphabet Review N-z

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



Ready to Explore!



I can recognize letters.

I can match uppercase and lowercase.

I can say common letter sounds.





Well Done!



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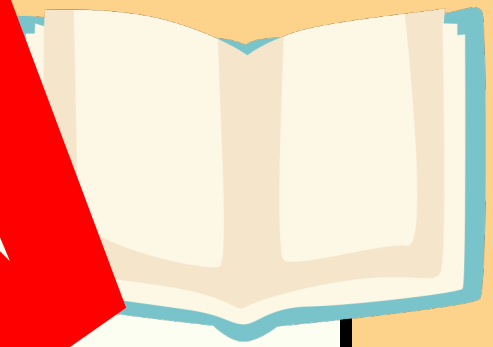
Symbol Explanation Quiz



Question 1

Which is a lower case letter?

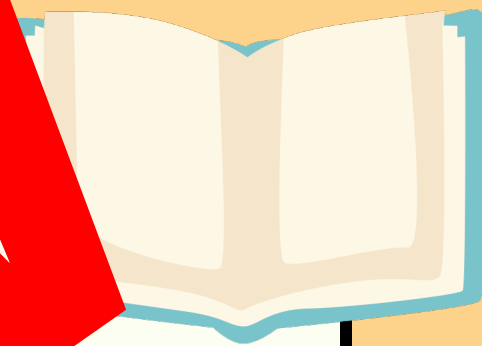
- A. L
- B. b
- C. 4
- D. ★



Answer 1

Answer: B = b

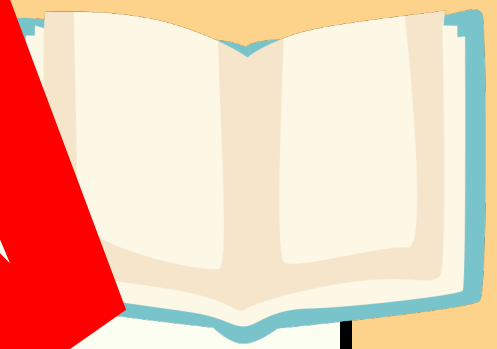
The lower case form of B is b.



Question 2

True or false?

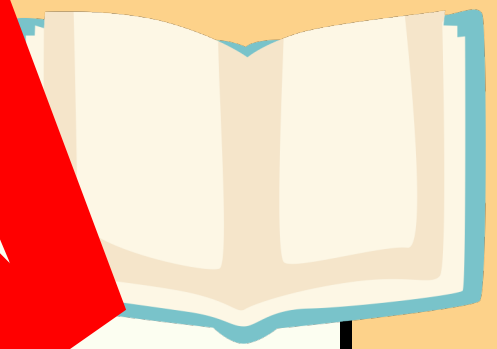
and are forms of the same letter.



Answer 2

Answer: true

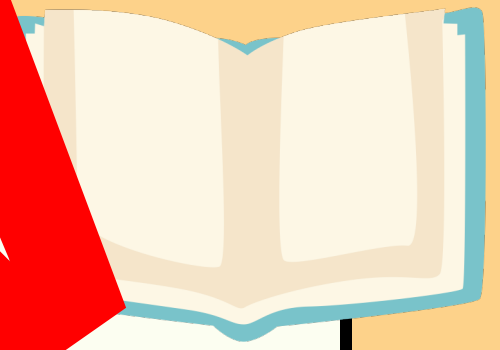
and have the same letter name.



Question 3

What is the name of this letter?

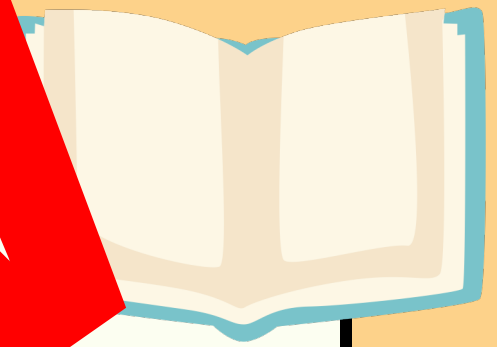
M



Answer 3

Answer: 1

ts letter name is M.



Question 4

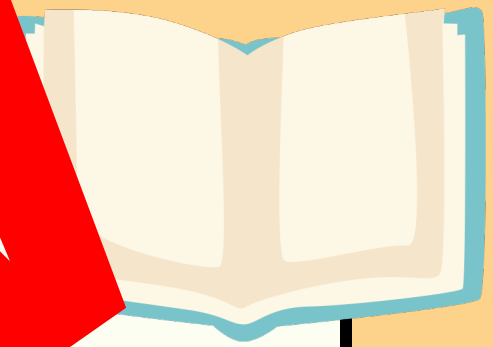
Which lowercase letter matches the sound in the word 'quack'?

A. c

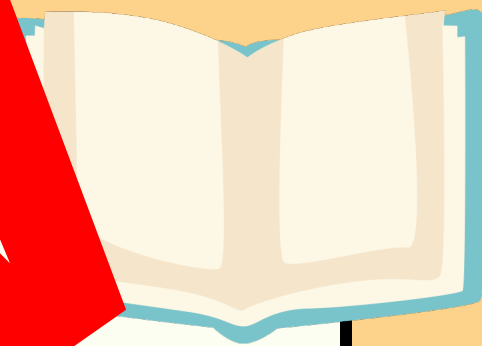
B. g

C. q

D. y



Answer 4

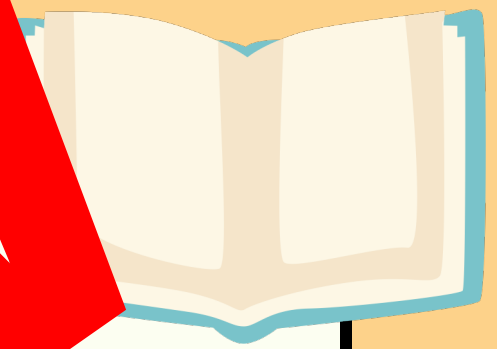


Answer: B - g

uppercase G matches lowercase g.



Question 5



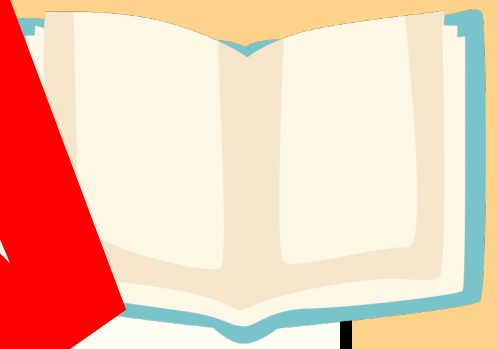
True or false?

An answer can show how many.

An answer can show a sound.



Answer 5



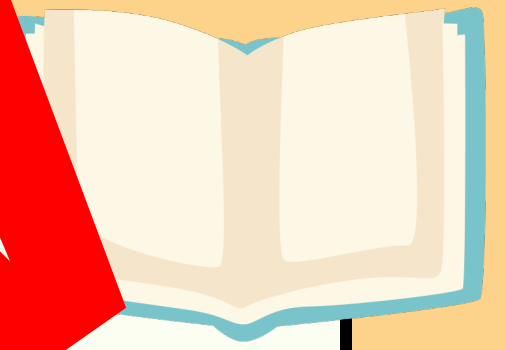
Answer: true

Numbers and letters are symbols with different jobs.



Question 6

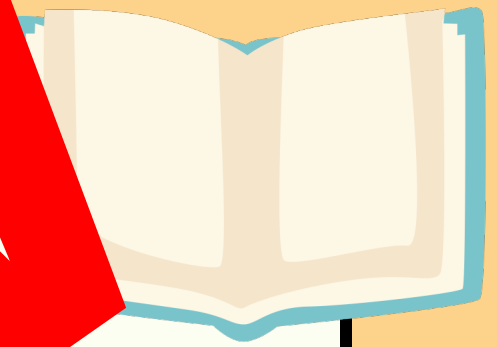
What common sound does s make?



Answer 6

Answer: /

S is /s/ at the start of sun.



Question 7

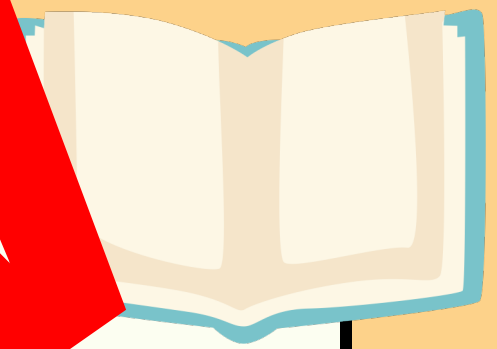
Which letter starts moon?

A. l

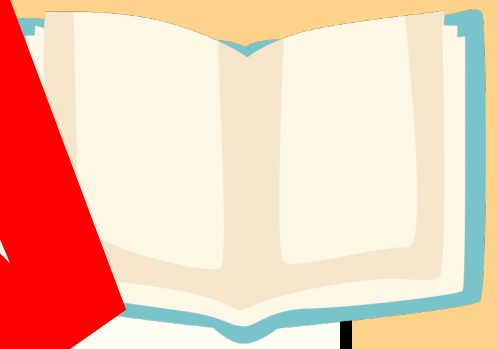
B. m

C. r

D. s



Answer 7



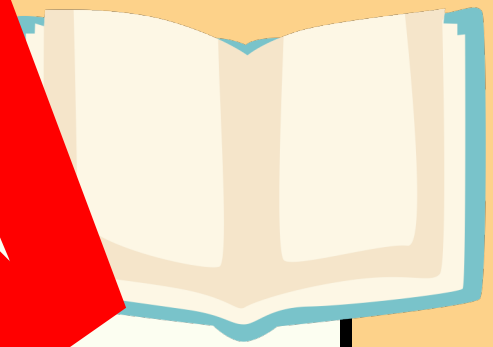
Answer: B m

100 begins with the /m/ sound.

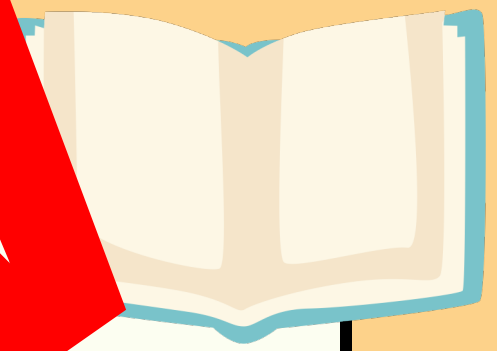


Question 8

Write the uppercase letter that matches b.



Answer 8



Answer 8

Open use B matches lowercase b.



Question 9

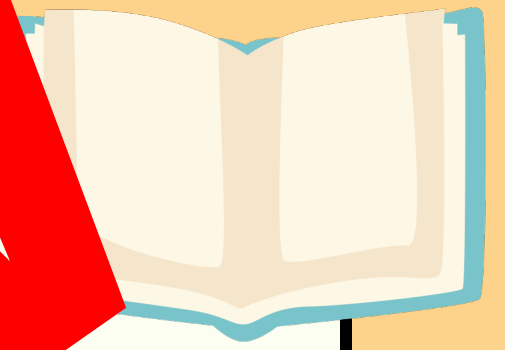
Which one is a letter?

A.

B. ?

C. t

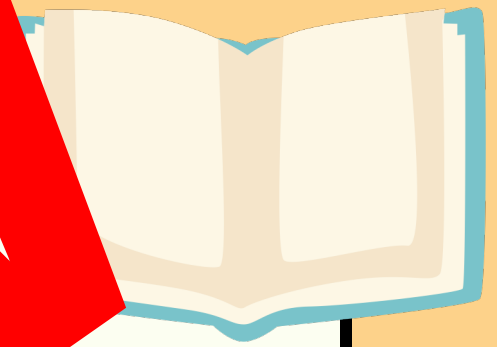
D. ❤️



Answer 9

Answer: C - t

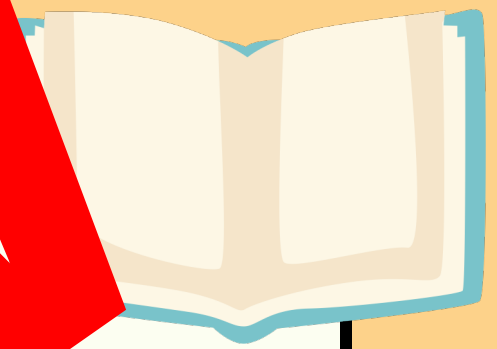
is a lowercase letter.



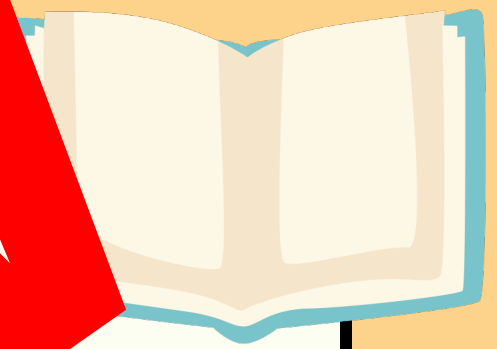
Question 10

True or false?

Knowing letter names and sounds helps us read and write.



Answer 10



Answer: true

Let's know ge helps us build and read words.





Well Done!

