

Kick The Cup

This ball game alphabet activity is fun way to practice identifying letter sounds while kicking a ball. Kids will love the chance to move and learn. This can be more influential for some children as they are more of kinesthetic learners.

While playing the Kick the Cup Alphabet Activity your child will:

- identify letters by name
- identify letter sounds
- develop gross motor skills like balance and coordination while kicking the ball

Materials Needed:

- Small ball
- Plastic cups
- Permanent Marker

Instructions

1. Write a letter on each plastic cup with permanent marker
2. Line the cups up in a row on the floor.
3. You then ask your child to kick the ball. When you have kicked one over you walk cups and identify the letter on each cup and the sound each letter makes.

Questions to ask your child to extend their learning

1. How many cups do we have? **Mathematics- numbers- counting and matching numerals**
2. What else can you see in the room that starts with this letter? (the one that they kick over) - **communication and language- understanding**
3. Can you draw the letter on the cup with your finger? **Literacy- Reading/writing**
4. Show me that you can kick the ball to the letter ...?- **Personal, social and emotional- self confidence and self awareness- talk about themselves in a positive term**
5. What games do you play that use a ball? **Understanding the world- people and communities- ways of life and occupations**

Vocabulary to encourage

Focus on the letters and the sounds they each make, show your child the sound with your mouth and allow them to copy.

Ask them to show you how to draw letters with their fingers and show you numbers with their hands to. Number and letter recognition can be targeted

Sound of the week is 'K', so talk about what else In the house starts with that letter or play I spy to allow them to think.



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