

Here are some ideas for literacy activities at home....

Magnetic Letters

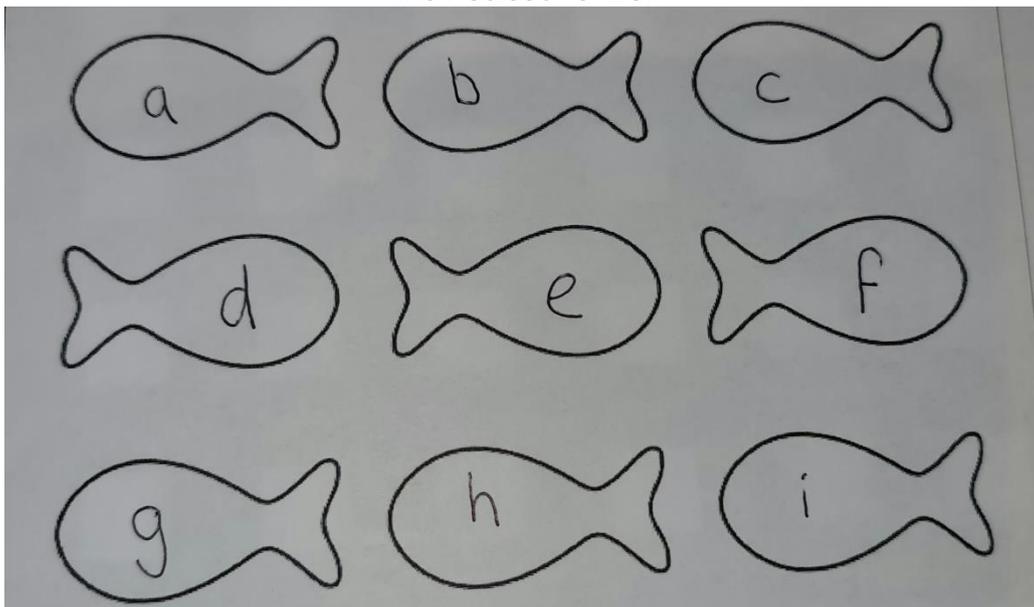
You could ask your child to sort the letters by colour, identifying each letter as you go. You could do this on the fridge, in bowls or just piles on the floor! Your child might not know all the letter names yet, but they can sort them by colour! You can talk about them as you play together. Can they find the first letter of their name?



Fishing for Letters Game

Draw some simple fish shapes on a piece of paper, write a letter on each fish and cut them out.

Tip - You could let your child draw the fish shapes and cut them out to strengthen their scissor skills.



Make a “pond” with a tray, blanket, or just use the floor. Pop the fish face down in the pond.
Invite your child to go fishing. As they get a fish, ask your child to tell you what they got.

Need to make it easier? – Only make 5-10 fish using letters your child is familiar with - like the letters in their name.
Need more of a challenge? Make it harder - Use names to fish for instead.

I Spy Using Letter Sounds



Look around and find an object in the room.

For example, “I spy with my little eye something that starts with the sound “mm”
“Yes, microwave! It starts with the sound mm.”

Need to make it easier? - Search for sounds for a few minutes. If this is too difficult, you can change the game to colours or shapes.
Need more of a challenge? - Try searching for rhymes instead for example, “I spy with my little eye, something that rhymes with peg. Yes, egg!”

These activities cover this area of the Curriculum for Excellence:

‘I explore sounds, letters and words, discovering how they work together, and I can use what I learn to help me as I read and write.’

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Skills:

- Identify and generate words with the same initial sound.
- Recognise and name words, letters, sounds
- Identify and produce syllables in names and words.