



Build My Name

Ages 4 years—5 years

Objective: The child builds language awareness and literacy skills by putting the letters in their name in order and writing it on their own.

Materials needed:

Build my name (printable)
2 sheets of white sheet of paper
Marker

Procedures

1. Sit with your child on the floor or table. Pre-cut out all of the letters.
2. Put them face up on the floor for your child to see and reach. Write their first name out on a white sheet of paper as a guide to see how to put the letters back in order to build their name.
3. Encourage your child to find the matching letter squares and build their name back together, following their name written out on the sheet of paper. Have child say each letter as they build it.
4. Teach them it is spelt from left to write. Teach what vowels are, using the "red" letters as cues.



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5. On the other sheet of white paper, have your child practice writing out their own first name. Use the letter tiles to help guide your child how to do this. If they still are unable to fully write on own, write out their first name using a yellow highlighter, and have child trace it.

6. Use the letter tiles to build their middle and last name together, or other short words such as "mom and dad", to extend further literacy.

Milestones to meet:

The child builds literacy skills and early language awareness by working with letters. The child can match same letters by putting them in order to form the word, their name. The child can recognize and say the letters in their first name. The child begins to write their own name.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?