



We're Going on a Letter Hunt...

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Language Arts
Grades K-2



Introduction

What are letters? Where can we find letters and what are they used for? In this introduction to phonics, students will learn what a letter is and then go on a letter hunt around the classroom, practicing writing the many letters they find.

Learning Objectives

([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1.a](#)) Print many upper- and lowercase letters.

Materials Needed

- *The Alphabet Tree* by Leo Lionni
- Paper and pencil
- Clipboard (or another hard surface to write on)

Procedure

1. Write a few letters on a chart beside you. Ask students what they are (letters). Ask students where they have seen letters before, and if they know what they are used for. Explain to students that letters come together to form words.
2. "Today we are going to read *The Alphabet Tree* by Leo Lionni. Help me find the letters that are hidden on the page. We will write down every letter we see, paying attention to how the letter is formed."
3. After reading, have students look at the chart you have created together. Ask students what they notice. Guide the discussion to talking about how some letters have straight parts, while others curve.
4. Tell students that today they are going to go on a letter hunt around the classroom. Any letter they see, they should carefully write down on their paper.
5. Send students to go on their letter hunts. After 10 or 15 minutes, bring students back together and share what they found.

Evaluation

Have students turn in their letter hunt paper. Assess for completion, participation, and effort.