

Help Your Kindergartener Improve Auditory Skills by Teaching Alphabet Letter Sounds

In order to read, every child must know the sounds of the alphabet letters. They must be able to recall them quickly- see the letter and say the sound without hesitation.

Point to each letter and ask your kindergartener to, “Tell me what this letter says.”

*The alphabet cards should have no pictures, so your kinder has to rely totally on memory.

*You are asking your kinder to tell you the letter sound, not the letter name.

When you are practicing a letter sound with your kinder, be careful not to add an “uh” sound at the end of the letter. For example, letter “s” should sound like a snake hissing, with no throat sound. Letter “S” says, “SSS” not “suh.” If you kinder learns letters “c,” “a,” “t,” as sounding “kuh,” “aah” and “tuh” those sounds will not come together to say “cat!”

Children learn at different rates. Your kindergartener may need lots of direct instruction to learn the alphabet sounds. Don’t forget, they will learn letter sounds more quickly with a short daily review.

