



## Alphabet Bowling

T-T-T-Tumble!

**Beginner:** Using a set bowling pin, write one letter on each pin. Together bowl a soft ball and work together to identify the letters on each pin that fell down.

**[Tip]:** To create your own pins, use empty milk jugs, cans, or water bottles.

**Intermediate:** Have your child bowl a soft ball at the pins and ask them to identify the sounds of the letters that fell.

**[Tip]:** Some letters make more than one sound, like the letter C in the words “cereal” and “car.”

**Experienced:** Have your child bowl a soft ball to knock down the pins, asking them to identify one or more words that begin with that letter.

**[Tip]:** For an extra challenge, ask your child to spell the word out loud or on paper.

**Why is this important?** Being aware of the letters and their sounds helps develop reading skills.

**Looking for more information?** Check out our [English Letter Sounds](#) and [Sight Words](#) resources.

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