



Fishing For Words

What Letter's Can You Catch?

Beginner: Cut out letters using sponges and scissors. Place them in a large, water-filled container (ex. bathtub, large bowl, or pool). Ask your child to find the letter and either point it out or grab it!

[Tip]: Save water by doing this activity while your child is bathing, or use rocks as an alternative for sponges.

Intermediate: Have your child trace out the letters before you cut them out using sponges and scissors. Place them in a large, water-filled container.

[Tip]: Have your child find vowels or consonants.

Experienced: Have your child trace and cut out the letters using sponges and scissors. Place them in a large, water-filled container.

[Tip]: Form two—four letter words using the letters provided.

Why is this important? Help expand your child's vocabulary and expertise in articulating the difference between vowels and consonants.

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