

Alphabet Builds

Use the alphabet and your imagination to create amazing models.

Skills we will be engaging

SOCIAL — Talking, listening, perspective-taking.

EMOTIONAL — Happy, excited, interested.

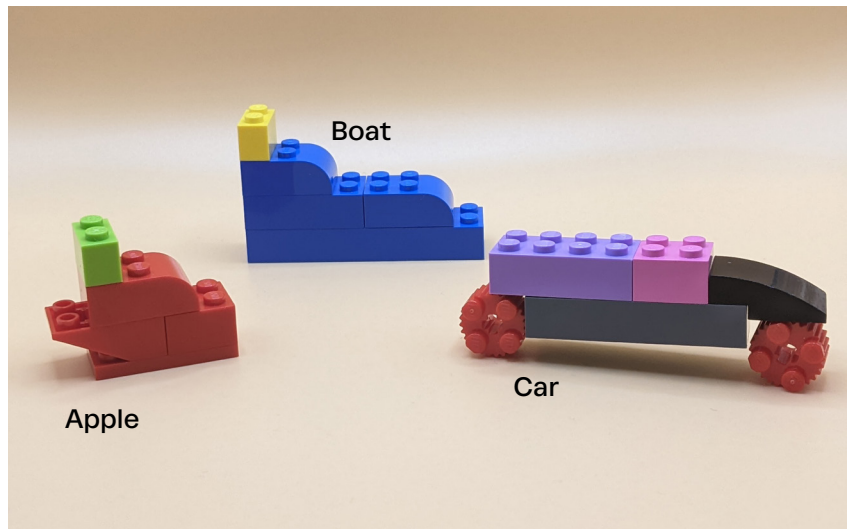
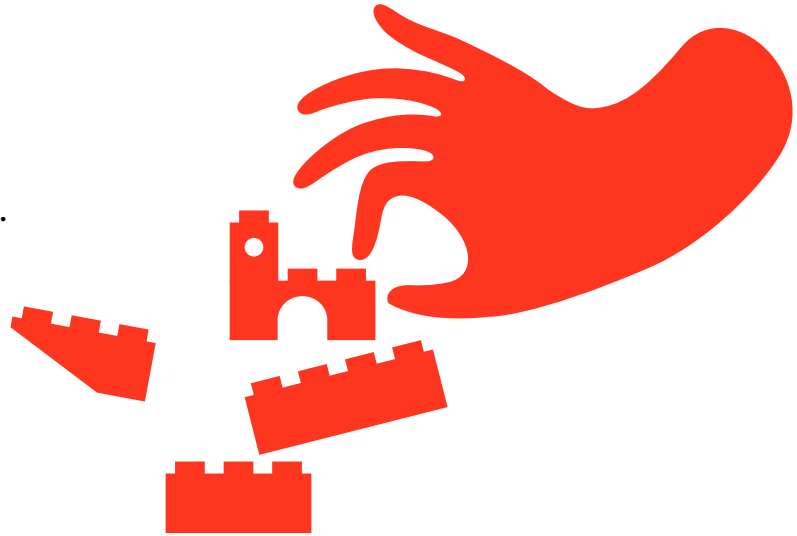
COGNITIVE — Learning with letters.

CREATIVE — Getting creative within limits.

PHYSICAL — Building with bricks, understanding space.

You will need

- 1 x baseplate
- As many bricks as you like.



How to play

- 01 Ask your child to **choose a letter** from the alphabet (for example, 'c').
- 02 Ask your child to **think about what could be built** with these bricks that starts with that letter you have chosen.
- 03 Let your **child start to build** his/her model with the bricks.
- 04 **Guess what each other is building** by asking each other questions.

“We are having fun together using bricks and letters”

“What else can we build that starts with the same letter?”

Hints & tips

- A nice way to **warm up** before starting the activity is to walk around the home naming different objects aloud and emphasising the initial letter of the object.
- Have the **alphabet written on a piece of paper**. With eyes open or closed, point to a letter. Now build something that starts with the letter.
- **How many builds**. How many things starting with your letter can you build in 5 minutes? Agree the amount of time together.
- **Speed builds**. To make it a bit more exciting see how quickly you can make your Alphabet Build.
- **Choose a letter for each other** to build.
- To extend the activity, **guess the letter!** Each build 2 or 3 models that start with the same letters. Try to guess the letter from the models.

Adapt the activity

- Create alphabet builds using different languages.
- Create a letter of the alphabet in bricks.



After you've finished

- **Play** with what you have made.
- **Celebrate!** Tell your child how much you enjoyed it, “*I loved building with you.*”
- Tell your child **what you like** about the model, “*The wheels are so cool!*”
- **Ask your child** what they like about the model.
- Find somewhere to **display** the model or keep it safe.
- **Share** your creations using the hashtag *#playincluded*.

Including others



- Other family members take photos of different objects in the house that begin with different letters. Use these as prompts to choose from to build together.
- Children build Alphabet Builds together and the adults have to guess what the models are and which letter of the alphabet they begin with.

