

Beach Ball Letter Slam



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Bullseye! With this activity, kids can practice throwing a ball at letters against a vertical surface. And the best part? Children can throw the beach ball as hard as they want without risk of it popping or making too much noise!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Indicator:

Throwing with increased co-ordination

Skills:

Gross Motor - Throwing



Materials

- Beach Ball
- Vertical surface (like a garage door)
- Magnetic letters



Instructions

Step 1: Blow up your beach ball.

Step 2: Grab your magnetic letters and place them randomly along a vertical magnetic surface (a garage door works great).

Step 3: Encourage your child to use the ball to hit the letters as you call them out one by one.



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Use sight words instead of letters and have them throw the ball against a word and say it out loud.

For younger toddlers: They may not be interested in throwing the ball against the letters so encourage them to practice their throwing and catching skills with the ball - how many times can they catch it in a row?



Playful Questions

- How many letters in your name can you see on the wall?
- How many times can you hit the letter "E" on the wall in a row?
- What would happen if we took some of the air out of the beach ball?
- Can you throw the ball and spell a word using the letters?
- Will a tennis ball be easier or harder to aim and throw?



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