

Dictionaries and Alphabets Lesson #1: Alphabet Games

Word Lists for Each Card Group:

1. Letter Cards (Red): Simply use block letters of the Roman Alphabet.
2. Word Cards (Yellow): Each word begins with a different letter. I use the following words, but you can certainly choose your own based on your own curriculum or your kids' interests.

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| Airplane | Nest |
| Beetle | Onion |
| Carousel | Penguin |
| Desert | Question |
| Exit | Rocket |
| Forest | Shadow |
| Goldfish | Tent |
| Helmet | Unicorn |
| Ink | Vegetable |
| Juice | Wind |
| Knot | X-Ray |
| Leather | Yoyo |
| Marble | Zebra |

3. Word Cards (Green): Each word begins with "E" but the second letter is different. So, students must practice alphabetizing using the second letter in the word. I only have 22 cards in this set – maybe you can come up with a set that does better!

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| Ear | Emerald |
| Ebony | Energy |
| Echo | Equator |
| Edge | Erase |
| Eel | Essay |
| Effort | Etch |
| Egg | Euro |
| Eject | Even |
| Elephant | Ewe |
| Eight | Example |
| Epic | Eyelash |

4. Word Cards (Blue): Each word begins with "Ho" but the third or fourth letter is different. Students must ignore the first two letters and alphabetize the words using the third or fourth letters. Note that students will have to cope with words in which the first three letters are identical, but the words vary in length. For example, "Hop, Hope, and Hopeful." It is very difficult for the kids to understand the idea that no more letters is the same as a blank, and that a blank would come before any other letter! Watch for

these words – you'll need to do some teaching there. There are 25 words in this set, but please submit a better or different set!

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| Hoax | Hope |
| Hobby | Hopeful |
| Hockey | Horn |
| Hoe | Horse |
| Hog | Hose |
| Hoist | Hospital |
| Holiday | Hostess |
| Homework | Hot |
| Honeycomb | Hotel |
| Hood | House |
| Hook | Hover |
| Hoot | Howl |
| Hop | |