

LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series — Alphabet

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Category	Alphabet	Title	Alphabet Book 7 – Alphabet Families: I to Q
Ages	3-6	Theme	Uppercase Letters I–Q + Lowercase-Uppercase Matching

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

Building on Book 6, this book introduces the uppercase letters I through Q — each one waiting at its cozy Alphabet House for its little lowercase letter to come home after a snowy day at school. Children revisit the familiar Igloo, Jam, Key, Lamp, Milk, Neon, Orange, Piano, and Queen Houses, now meeting the big letters that live there too.

Some little letters get confused by the snow and end up at the wrong houses again — giving children a playful reason to check each arrival carefully. The family photos on the walls of each house show how each little letter grew up into its big version, helping children build a clear mental connection between the two forms.

ALPHABET FAMILIES — I TO Q

Igloo House	Jam House	Key House	Lamp House	Milk House	Neon House	Orange House	Piano House	Queen House
i → I	j → J	k → K	l → L	m → M	n → N	o → O	p → P	q → Q

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Children will be able to:

- Recognise the nine uppercase letters — I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q
- Match each uppercase letter to its lowercase partner
- Identify which Alphabet House each letter pair belongs to
- Notice the visual similarities and differences between lowercase and uppercase forms
- Match lowercase and uppercase letter cards quickly in a timed game

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Review the lowercase letters and house names

Before introducing the uppercase letters, do a quick warm-up review of the nine house names and their lowercase letters from Book 2: Igloo House (i), Jam House (j), Key House (k), Lamp House (l), Milk House (m), Neon House (n), Orange House (o), Piano House (p), and Queen House (q). Building on familiar ground makes the new uppercase letters feel like a natural next step.

2. Check whether each little letter found its home

As you read the story, pause at each house and ask: 'Did this little letter arrive at the right home?' and 'Why do you think this one got confused?' The snowy mix-ups are a wonderful conversation starter — children enjoy the detective work and remember the correct matches better as a result.

3. Meet the big letters and study the family photos

Look carefully at the family photos in each house showing how the little letter grew into the big letter. Ask your child: 'How did little i grow into big I?' Some pairs in this group look almost identical (i/l, o/O, p/P) while others look quite different (k/K, m/M, q/Q) — draw attention to both types and ask your child to sort them into similar and different pairs.

4. Play the Letter Matching Game

Make cards for all nine lowercase letters (i–q) and their uppercase partners (I–Q). Mix them all up and ask your child to find each matching pair. Use a stopwatch to make it a speed challenge, and try combining these cards with the Book 6 cards (a–h / A–H) for an extended 17-pair matching game!

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Play a Grow Up game. Write a lowercase letter and ask your child to write its uppercase partner next to it — as if the little letter has grown up. Work through all nine pairs: i/l, j/J, k/K, l/L, m/M, n/N, o/O, p/P, q/Q. Then mix all 17 pairs from Books 6 and 7 and see if your child can write the uppercase partner for any lowercase letter you call out. This growing confidence with both forms prepares children beautifully for Book 8 and the complete 26-letter challenge!

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TEACHER'S NOTES AND TIPS

This group of letters contains some of the most visually similar lowercase-uppercase pairs in the alphabet — i/l, o/O, and p/P look almost identical, while k/K, m/M, and q/Q look quite different. Drawing explicit attention to both groups helps children build a complete and accurate mental model of each letter family. The combined 17-pair matching game suggested in Activity 4 is an excellent consolidation activity that also builds working memory and sustained attention. For classroom settings, adding the i–q family photos to the existing Alphabet Houses wall display creates a growing visual reference that children love to interact with independently.