

# LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series — Alphabet

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<b>Category</b>	Alphabet	<b>Title</b>	Alphabet Book 8 – Alphabet Families: R to Z
<b>Ages</b>	3-6	<b>Theme</b>	Uppercase Letters R–Z + Complete Alphabet Families

## INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

This is the third and final book in the Alphabet Families series, introducing the uppercase letters R through Z — the last nine members of the alphabet family! Each big letter is waiting at its Alphabet House for its little lowercase letter to return home after a snowy school day. Children revisit the Robot, Star, Tire, Umbrella, Video Game, Wing, Box, Yo-yo, and Zipper Houses, now meeting their uppercase residents for the first time.

With this book complete, children will have met all 26 uppercase letters and their lowercase partners across Books 6, 7, and 8 — a truly wonderful achievement. Celebrate this milestone together and encourage your child to spot both big and little letters everywhere around them!

## ALPHABET FAMILIES — R TO Z

Robot House	Star House	Tire House	Umbrella House	Video Game House	Wing House	Box House	Yo-yo House	Zipper House
r → R	s → S	t → T	u → U	v → V	w → W	x → X	y → Y	z → Z

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*Children will be able to:*

- Recognise the nine uppercase letters — R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z
- Match each uppercase letter to its lowercase partner
- Identify which Alphabet House each letter pair belongs to
- Notice visual similarities and differences between lowercase and uppercase forms
- Match all 26 lowercase and uppercase letter cards in a full alphabet challenge

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### 1. Review the lowercase letters and house names

Before introducing the uppercase letters, warm up with the nine house names and their lowercase letters from Book 3: Robot House (r), Star House (s), Tire House (t), Umbrella House (u), Video Game House (v), Wing House (w), Box House (x), Yo-yo House (y), and Zipper House (z). Use the Cinderella memory trick for Umbrella House: 'It's not Cinderella — it's Umbrella!' Children always remember this with a smile.

### 2. Check whether each little letter found its home

As you read, pause at each house and ask your child: 'Did this little letter arrive at the right home?' and 'Why do you think some letters got confused by the snow?' The detective work is just as fun in Book 8 as it was in Books 6 and 7 — and children are now confident enough to explain their reasoning in English.

### 3. Meet the final big letters and study the family photos

Look at the family photos in each house together. Ask: 'How did little r grow into big R?' Some pairs in this group are almost identical (s/S, u/U, v/V, w/W, x/X, y/Y, z/Z) while others look noticeably different (r/R). Draw attention to how many pairs in this group look like natural family members — this group has the most visually similar pairs of all three books!

### 4. Play the Full Alphabet Matching Game

Now that all 26 pairs have been introduced, combine the cards from Books 6, 7, and 8 for the ultimate full alphabet matching challenge — all 26 lowercase and uppercase pairs! Use a stopwatch and celebrate every personal best. This is a wonderful cumulative activity that brings the entire Alphabet Families series to a triumphant close.

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Celebrate completing all 26 Alphabet Families with a Full Alphabet Family Portrait! Ask your child to write or draw all 26 lowercase and uppercase pairs from memory — a to z and A to Z side by side. Start with the letters they know best and work through to the trickier ones. Frame the finished portrait or display it proudly. Children who can do this have truly mastered the complete English alphabet — an incredible foundation for everything that follows in reading and writing!

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## TEACHER'S NOTES AND TIPS

Book 8 completes the full uppercase alphabet — a major milestone worth celebrating in style. This group of letters (R–Z) contains the highest proportion of visually similar lowercase-uppercase pairs in the entire alphabet — s/S, u/U, v/V, w/W, x/X, y/Y, and z/Z all look very similar, which makes this the easiest group to master. The notable exception is r/R, which looks quite different. The full 26-pair matching game recommended in Activity 4 is a superb consolidation activity — for classroom settings, making it a class record challenge (who can match all 26 pairs the fastest?) creates wonderful excitement and healthy competition. Children who complete all three Alphabet Families books are fully prepared to begin the Phonics Reading Series with confidence.