

LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series — Alphabet

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| Category | Alphabet | Title | Alphabet Book 9 – Hide and Seek: Letter Shape Game |
| Ages | 3-6 | Theme | Uppercase Letter Shape Recognition + Lowercase-Uppercase Matching |

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

This book is the uppercase companion to Book 4 — Hide and See. Just as Book 4 helped children distinguish between confusingly similar lowercase letters, this book tackles the same challenge for uppercase letters: E and F, I and L, M and N, V and W, and more. Two uppercase letters play a hide-and-seek game in front of an audience of all 26 lowercase letters, and children must figure out whose family they belong to.

The game format makes this genuinely tricky visual discrimination task feel like an exciting puzzle. And by asking children to identify which lowercase letters from the audience should come up on stage to meet their uppercase families, this book beautifully reinforces the lowercase-uppercase connections built across Books 6, 7, and 8.

COMMONLY CONFUSED UPPERCASE LETTER PAIRS

| Easily confused pairs | Why they look alike | Easily confused pairs | Why they look alike |
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| E and F | <i>F looks like E with the bottom arm removed</i> | V and W | <i>W looks like two V shapes joined side by side</i> |
| I and L | <i>Both are straight vertical lines with arms</i> | M and N | <i>N looks like M with one diagonal removed</i> |
| B and D | <i>Mirror images — same bump, opposite side</i> | P and F | <i>Both have a vertical line with a bump or arm at top</i> |
| C and G | <i>G looks like C with an inner shelf added</i> | O and Q | <i>Q looks like O with a small tail added</i> |

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Children will be able to:

- Visually distinguish between commonly confused uppercase letter pairs — E/F, I/L, M/N, V/W, B/D, and others
- Identify uppercase letter silhouettes and name them correctly
- Match uppercase letters to their lowercase partners from an audience of all 26 letters
- Create their own uppercase letter hide-and-seek game

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Watch the uppercase silhouettes carefully

On each page, two uppercase letters are playing hide-and-seek — one hiding behind the other! Encourage your child to look closely at the silhouette and ask: 'Which two uppercase letters do you think are on stage?' and 'Which one is hiding behind the other?' The silhouette game trains careful visual attention to the specific features that distinguish each letter.

2. Match the lowercase letters from the audience

On the next page, show your child the audience picture of all 26 lowercase letters. Before revealing the answer, ask: 'Which two lowercase letters should come up on stage to meet their uppercase families?' This step reinforces the lowercase-uppercase connections from Books 6, 7, and 8 — children must actively recall which lowercase letter belongs to which uppercase form.

3. Cheer for correct guesses

When the answers are revealed, say both letter names out loud together and cheer for every correct guess! The celebration reinforces the memory — children who guess correctly and celebrate are far more likely to remember those letter pairs next time.

4. Make your own uppercase Hide and Seek game

Ask your child to look for more uppercase letters that could make interesting figures together and help them create their own hide-and-seek game on paper. Let them draw, colour, and bring their uppercase letter friends to life! This creative activity deepens understanding of letter shapes far more than passive observation alone.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Play an Uppercase Letter Detectives game. Write a single uppercase letter and ask your child: 'Is this an E or an F?' or 'Is this an M or an N?' Start with clear, well-spaced letters, then try writing them smaller or in different styles to build robust recognition. For a full challenge, combine the uppercase pairs from this book with the lowercase pairs from Book 4 — can your child distinguish both b/d AND B/D confidently? Children who can are truly ready to read and write with confidence!

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TEACHER'S NOTES AND TIPS

The uppercase hide-and-seek game adds a wonderful new dimension to letter recognition — not just 'what letter is this?' but 'what makes this letter different from its closest visual neighbour?' This metacognitive awareness of letter features is a powerful literacy skill. The combined lowercase-uppercase challenge in the Follow-Up is particularly valuable: children who can confidently distinguish b/d in lowercase AND B/D in uppercase have developed truly robust letter recognition. For classroom settings, a display showing all the commonly confused pairs side by side — both lowercase from Book 4 and uppercase from this book — makes a useful permanent reference that supports independent reading and writing.