

[Teacher] Would you girls match some of those letters? Put it right on top. Wonderful, thank you. All right, would you two match some of the letters?

[Narrator] The alphabet mat and arc, are ways to help children learn to recognize and identify the letters of the alphabet. Children use the mat and arc, along with a set of plastic letters, to visually distinguish one letter from another, to match names to letters, and to learn the sequence of the letters in the alphabet.

[Student] I know what the 'l' is, it's right there.

[Teacher] Okay everyone, what's the next letter?

[Students] L.

[Teacher] And you know where it is already, don't you? And do you know what the next letter is?

[Students] M.

[Teacher] M. Where is it?

[Narrator] Children begin with the alphabet mat. Once they have been introduced to all the letters of the alphabet, the alphabet arc can be used. Teachers use the arc to increase children's speed and accuracy in identifying letters. The goal is for instant letter recognition. As children progress, the activity may be timed. Teacher find many fun ways to use the alphabet mat and arc.

[Teacher] Great job! Whisper the vowels. Ready to start? Ready, Emily? Go.

[Students] (whisper a) "b, c, d," (whisper e) f, g, h, (whisper i) j, k, l, m, n, (whisper o) p, q, r, s, t, (whisper u) v, w, x, y, z.

[Narrator] Children may work with a classmate or on their own, or as part of a whole group activity. Sometimes, children work in small groups.

[Student] Jel.

[Teacher] Jel, very good! J-L

[Student] Jelly!

[Teacher] Jelly would've been a good one. Show me... I tell you what, let's do 'd.' Good job, I like how you stayed on this half of the arc. Let's let Lauren give a word.

[Lauren] Destiny.

[Teacher] Destiny! We have a girl over there named Destiny, don't we?

[Narrator] The alphabet mat and arc provide fun, multi-sensory approaches to alphabetic understanding.

[Teacher] Way to go! Pinky point to the letter 'r.'

[Students] Pinky point to letter 'r.'

[Teacher] Pinky point to letter 'x.'

[Students] Pinky point to letter 'x.'

[Teacher] Pinky point to letter 'a.'

[Students] Pinky point to letter 'a.'