

Alphabet Books at the Curriculum Lab

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CATEGORIES: This bibliography separates books into four main categories: **E** for Earliest; **1.** Picture level; **2.** Beginning level; **3.** Reading level. An attempt has been made to align each alphabet book category with characteristics for various stages of reading literacy and Bloom's taxonomy of skills development.

E. Earliest Letter Identification – The objective is for readers to be able to identify the letters based on shape awareness. A reader might be asked to recognize a letter shape in photograph or picture, such as seeing the letter O superimposed over a photograph of a tire.

1. Picture Level Alphabet Books – a single word or phrase is depicted with an illustration. For example the word “tiger” is accompanied by a photo or drawing of a tiger. Language and content are familiar. Illustrations are often “nouns” or identifiable objects rather than concepts, actions or ideas which require higher level thinking. Fonts are standard and recognizable, and often include both lower and uppercase versions of the depicted letter.

Early Emergent Readers: Books at this level generally have the following characteristics:

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| -strong picture support | -large, clear print | -natural language |
| -carefully controlled text | -wide letter spacing | -familiar concepts |
| -repetitive patterns (predictable) | -limited text on the page | |

Bloom's Taxonomy skills - stage 1 - Knowledge:

able to observe/recall information, identify, name, describe, tabulate, list, label, etc

2. Beginning Level Alphabet Books – the text is illustrated so that the reader can interpret the words from looking at the picture(s). A letter may be depicted with more than one illustration – perhaps several examples which all begin with the same sound. Font styles may vary, but are still recognizable. Pictures may illustrate ideas, concepts and actions and other parts of speech as well as simple nouns. (Examples: Verb - K is for Kick; Occupation - M is for Mother; Adjective - P is for purple; Preposition – U is for Under) The books may encompass a group or category of objects or ideas which are related, and which the reader will recognize as a unifying principle. Ex: an alphabet of foods – an alphabet of animals. The over-riding framework *helps* the reader identify some of the pictures which might not be initially obvious.

Emergent Readers: have developed an understanding of the alphabet and have some early phonics skills. They can recognize different types of texts (fiction/non-fiction) and they realize that reading has a variety of purposes. Books at this level may have the following characteristics:

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| -more lines of text per page | -familiar topics but in greater depth | -less dependency on repetitive patterns and pictures |
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Bloom's Taxonomy skills - stage 2 - Comprehension:

able to grasp meaning, understand information, order, group, compare/contrast, associate, distinguish, differentiate, predict consequences, interpret facts

3. Reading Level Alphabet Books – these books are less about learning the alphabet itself, and more about using the alphabet as a framework within which a story is told, a topic is examined, or a language is learned. It is expected that the reader knows the alphabet and is able to read (or listen) to the text, appreciating the organizational technique. (Ex; The Iowa Alphabet; Alphabet Mystery; The Z was Zapped;) Some of these may involve word play or “tricks of the eye” as the reader guesses what the picture might be, what will follow, or what is behind the flap. There are numerous categories and a variety of reading levels within the categories; sometimes within a given text, more than one level of presentation will be exhibited. Rather than categorize these by reading level, they will be sorted by type. (Artistic, game, framework, etc) .

Early Fluent Readers: Reading is more automatic – more energy is devoted to comprehension than word attack. Readers are experiencing a variety of texts more independently. Characteristics include

- longer sentences/variety of sentence patterns
- less reliance on pictures for making meaning
- richer vocabulary
- more formal and descriptive language

Fluent Readers: Reading is to learn, no longer are students just learning to read. Their reading is automatic and their energy is devoted to understanding rather than decoding. They can handle a wide variety of texts independently, and they will continue to refine reading skills as they handle more challenging texts. Characteristics of these books could include the following:

- more text
- less familiar/more varied topics
- more complex sentences
- varied writing styles
- more description
- challenging vocabulary

Bloom’s Taxonomy skills - stages 3, 4 and 5 - Application/Analysis/Synthesis:

3. Able to use information, solve problems, calculate, illustrate, solve, modify, relate, classify
4. Able to see patterns, analyze, separate, connect, infer, recognize hidden meanings, identify components
5. Able to use old ideas to create new, integrate, modify, combine, draw conclusions, relate knowledge from several areas, generalize, invent, “what if?”

Column 4 - CASE: [U = Upper; L = Lower ; B = Both]

Noted as to whether the pages clearly designated both upper and lower case representations of the letter on each page. (i.e. larger, colored, highlighted or any distinctions made so that readers could readily identify the letter form.) Some books included only upper or lower case, many included both. If not noted, book does not clearly identify or highlight the letter in an easily recognizable font.

Column 5 - EMPHASIS : [EMPH] S = Sound of letter; ID = Identify the letter; B = Both

Noted whether the emphasis seemed to be on identifying the letter (shape) or whether is emphasized learning the sound that the letter makes, especially at the beginning of a word. Books that use a lot of alliteration, for example, seem to emphasize learning the sound of the letter. Some books only address learning to recognize and name letters. Books that present the letter and an object or two that begin with that letter seem to do a little of both.

Column 6 - DESCRIPTION: Characteristics which help to describe style and objectives of book.

Column 7 - FEATURES: Special feature or characteristic noted – possible other learning objectives.

E. Earliest Letter Identification - shape awareness. Reader is asked to identify or recognize a letter shape in photograph or picture.

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	CASE	EMPH	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
E /A357a	Arlene Alda's ABC.	Alda, Arlene,		ID	Photos of things resemble letters	
E /F312a	The alphabet in nature	Feldman, Judy.	U	ID	Identify letter shapes in nature photos	wordless
E /J69a	Alphabet city	Johnson, Stephen,		ID	See letter shapes in everyday scenes / objects	wordless
E /M167a	The alphabet symphony : an ABC book	McMillan, Bruce.	U	ID	See shapes of letters in instruments and players	wordless
E /M644ct	The city ABC book	Milich, Zoran.	B	ID	See shapes of letters all around city	wordless
E /A763m	Mouse letters : a very first alphabet book	Arnosky, Jim.		ID	Letters formed with sticks	wordless

1. Picture Level - Early Emergent Readers - a single word or phrase is depicted with single illustration

*best - both upper/lower case

*mostly nouns-identifiable objects

*Still learning the letters and sounds

*standard font

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	CASE	EMPH	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
419 /C464i	I can sign my ABCs	Chaplin, Susan Gibbons,	B	B	One picture per hand sign per word per letter; highlighted in alphabet	sign language
428.1 /F894f	Food for thought : the complete book of concepts for grown minds	Freyman, Saxton.	B	B	Objects/animals made from fruits/veggies per letter	
E /A615a	Anno's alphabet; an adventure in imagination.	Anno, Mitsumasa	U	B	1 letter/1 picture. - Hidden pictures in borders	wordless

E /A992f	A farmer's alphabet	Azarian, Mary.	B	B	Items associated with farms - 1 per letter- mostly nouns	
E /B167a	The animal ABC	Baker, Leslie A.	B	B	Very simple. One familiar animal per letter per page.	
E /B711pd	Paddington's ABC	Bond, Michael.	B	B	Very easy - items in Paddington's day - 1 per letter	
E /B966a	John Burningham's ABC	Burningham, John.	B	B	Boy interacts with various items one by one - per letter	
E /E26a	Alef-bet : a Hebrew alphabet book	Edwards, Michelle.		B	Hebrew alphabet and words	non-Eng characters
E /F162h	Handsigns : a sign language alphabet	Fain, Kathleen.	B	B	1-2 pictures per page for each letter ; hand signs also	wordless
E /G525a	ABC for you and me	Girnis, Meg.	B	B	Down syndrome. kids - 1 photo per word per letter	
E /G612am	The Amazing ABC book	Goffin, Josse.	U	B	1 picture + 1 word. per letter in English French, German - easy vocabulary	
E /H681tl	26 letters and 99 cents	Hoban, Tana.	B	B	1 letter/1 picture - invert / read backwards for counting coins	wordless
E /J42a	ABC : a child's first alphabet book	Jay, Alison.	B	B	"A is for ___" pattern ; 1wd/pic per letter; nouns	
E /K47a	ABC	Kightley, Rosalinda.	B	B	*Great example of category 1; (simple object/word per letter)	
E /L797on	On Market Street	Lobel, Anita.	U	B	One object for each letter multiplied/used to create characters	
E /L864a	ABC games	Lopshire, Robert.	B	B	One object per /letter - answer simple question about it	
E /M135a	Alphabatics	MacDonald, Suse.	B	B	1 object + word per letter - letter shape manipulated to suggest object	
E /P659a	The alphabet room	Pinto, Sara.	B	B	1 word + object. per letter - lift flap to see room where objects interact	wordless
E /R211h	The handmade alphabet	Rankin, Laura.	U	B	1 word and picture per letter - also hand sign for each	sign language
E /S451h	The hidden alphabet	Seeger, Laura V.	B	B	1word /1 picture. - lift peek-flap to see letter	
E /W674bw	Brian Wildsmith's ABC.	Wildsmith, Brian.	U	B	1 letter - 1 word - 1 object per page (Board Book version)	
E /W928a	An alphabet of animals	Wormell, Christopher.	B	B	1 letter - 1 word -1 animal per page - some unusual animals	

2. Beginning level - Emergent Readers - text illustrated such that reader can interpret words by looking at the pictures - sometimes more than one picture/letter

*fonts/styles may vary

*may encompass a group of related objects/ideas

*various parts of speech, concepts, ideas

*Has some knowledge of letters and sounds already

*Over-riding framework helps reader identify pictures/words (ie. Alphabet of animals, foods, etc.)

CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	CASE	EMPH	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
421 /B458a	The A to Z beastly jamboree	Bender, Robert.	B	B	Alliterative phrase describes objects in picture; some harder vocabulary	alliteration
428.1 /A556k	K is for kissing a cool kangaroo	Andreae, Giles	B	B	"A is for _"; phrases describe what is happening/seen in picture. Easy	rhymed
428.1 /J14c	A cow's alfalfa-bet	Jackson, Woody	U	B	Dairy farm scenes; 1 word/letter for something in scene	
708.147 /M594m	Museum ABC	Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.)	U	B	Uses famous art works to illustrate simple words; 4 pictures / word / letter	
709 /M468r	A Russian ABC : ABV : featuring masterpieces from the Hermitage, St. Petersburg	Mayers, Florence Cassen.	B	B	Pictures correspond to Russian alphabet sounds – both Russian and English words listed	non-English Characters.
E /A429r	Read anything good lately?	Allen, Susan		S	What to read and where -(Atlas @Airport) Some harder vocabulary	
E /B293a	Applebet story.	Barton, Byron.	B	B	Easy, but not all nouns	
E /B442a	A-B-C-ing : an action alphabet	Beller, Janet.		S	Verbs – “ing” forms depicted	verbs
E /B632a	An ABC bestiary	Blackwell, Deborah.	B	B	Alliterative phrase describes picture	alliteration
E /B735f	From albatross to zoo : an alphabet book in 5 languages	Borlenghi, Patricia.	B	B	Harder due to other languages	languages

E /B792a	A is for angry	Boynton, Sandra.	U	B	Adjectives - animals portray them	
E /B869c	The circus alphabet	Bronson, Linda.	U	B	Rhythmic pattern - circus items/images	rhymed
E /B879al	Alphabet times four : an international ABC	Brown, Ruth.	B	B	Words in 4 languages	languages
E /C284ab	ABC, I like me!	Carlson, Nancy	U	B	Self-esteem ("I can...") statements	
E /C555e	An edible alphabet	Christensen, Bonnie.	B	B	1word/1picture per page -Category (Food) helps with unusual items	
E /C564a	The alphabet parade	Chwast, Seymour.	U	S	Many examples/words per letter	wordless (nearly)
E /C623h	The hullabaloo ABC	Cleary, Beverly.	B	B	Easy text - Category helps (Farm sounds/sights)	rhymed
E /D759al	Alligator arrived with apples: a potluck alphabet feast	Dragonwagon, Crescent.		B	Alliterative sentences describe foods and guests	alliteration
E /D877g	The guinea pig ABC	Duke, Kate.	U	B	Easy text - big, simple illustrations	
E /E33ea	Eating the alphabet : fruits and vegetables from A to Z	Ehlert, Lois.	B	B	Several examples/letter; category helps with vocabulary	
E /E71le	The letters are lost!	Ernst, Lisa Campbell.	U	B	1 letter/page - easy to read; letters depicted on blocks	
E /F534a	The ABC exhibit	Fisher, Leonard Everett.	U	B	Easy vocabulary. - 1picture and word related to art	
E /F597a	Alphabet under construction	Fleming, Denise	B	B	Easy text - mouse builds each letter - almost a category 1	
E /G132a	A B C bunny	Gág, Wanda	U	B	Easy text - Things bunny sees throughout a day	
E /G226h	Have you ever seen--? : an ABC book	Gardner, Beau.	B	B	Easy text - 2 pictures per letter - funny	
E /G798a	A--apple pie	Greenaway, Kate	U	B	Series of images about what happens to pie - verbs	verbs

E /G835td	Teddy bears abc	Gretz, Susanna.	L	B	Simple verbs + alliterative phrases describe pictures	verbs /alliteration
E /G874ma	Maggie Simpson's alphabet book	Groening, Maggie.	U	B	Maggie sees/does things for each letter	
E /G873l	Little bird's ABC	Grobler, Piet.	B	B	Sound words describe funny bird antics-nearly wordless	onomatopoeia
E /G883a	The accidental zucchini : an unexpected alphabet	Grover, Max.		S	2 -word phrases describe each picture for each letter	alliteration
E /H393b	Busy abc	Hawkins, Colin.	L	B	"ing" verbs describe children in pictures for each Letter	verbs
E /H681ab	A, B, see!	Hoban, Tana.	U	B	Easy - Many silhouettes of objects for each letter	wordless
E /H876c	C is for curious : an ABC of feelings	Hubbard, Woodleigh.	U		Feelings illus. for each letter; category helps with vocabulary	
E /H885a	Afro-Bets ABC book	Hudson, Cheryl Willis.	B	B	3 pictures + words for each letter; very simple vocabulary	
E /I74ab	ABC pop!	Isadora, Rachel.	U	B	Easy - almost a level 1	
E /K62f	From acorn to zoo and everything in between in alphabetical order	Kitamura, Satoshi.	B	B	Many labeled pictures for ea. Letter+ question to answer	
E /L642a	Alice and Aldo	Lester, Alison.		S	Many labeled pictures for each letter - simple alliterative text	alliteration
E /M172ap	David McPhail's animals A to Z.	McPhail, David	U	B	Animals - 1 or 2 creatures /word per letter	
E /M568w	Where is everybody? : an animal alphabet	Merriam, Eve	U	B	Each creature and place begin same; pattern "Cat is in/at ..."	
E /M915a	ABC T-Rex	Most, Bernard.	B	B	Find objects in picture for each letter; text describes dinosaur eating letters	alliteration
E /M963b	Bruno Munari's ABC	Munari, Bruno.	U	B	Several objects for each letter; alliterative phrases describe pictures	alliteration

E /N488a	Action alphabet	Neumeier, Marty.	B	B	Letter demonstrates what word says: i.e letter W is walking	
E /O97a	Annie's abc	Owen, Annie.	L	B	Several objects pictured/named for each letter	
E /O98a	Helen Oxenbury's ABC of things.	Oxenbury, Helen.	B	B	Several objects pictured/named for each letter	
E /R223ta	Talk to me about the alphabet	Raschka, Christopher.	U	S	Describes letter sounds as used in words or onomatopoeia	Onomatopoeia
E /R848a	Action alphabet	Rotner, Shelley		S	Photos of kids depict various actions (ing verbs)	verbs
E /S474n	Nutshell library.	Sendak, Maurice.	U	S	Alliterative phrases describe alligators behavior	alliteration
E /S634f	From letter to letter	Sloat, Teri.	B	B	Large letter-forms filled with pictures that begin with it - words listed	
E /S634p	Patty's pumpkin patch	Sloat, Teri.	B	B	1picture / 1letter - Vocabulary related to planting and pumpkin patch	rhymed
E /T512wi	The wildlife A-B-C : a nature alphabet book	Thornhill, Jan.	B	B	Animals - 1 creature per page - simple text. More info at end about each.	rhymed
E /W724a	ABC kids	Williams, Laura Ellen.	U	B	Photographs depict word for each letter (very easy)	
E /W724ev	Everyday ABC	Williams, Jenny	B	B	1 letter/1 word per page - item found in illustration	

3. Reading level - Early Fluent readers - Readers are expected to know the alphabet, be able to read, listen, appreciate the organizational technique. Some may involve wordplay, tricks of the eye, guessing the next letter or word being described

*less about learning alphabet and more about using alphabet as a framework for examining a topic, telling a story, learning a language, etc

*variety of reading levels

*May expect that reader has working knowledge of letters and sounds and alphabet

TYPE	CALL #	TITLE	AUTHOR	CASE	EMPH	DESCRIPTION	FEATURES
artistic	421.1 /D693a	A is for artist : an alphabet	Doran, Ella.	B	B	Concepts related to art + artistic representations/media/styles	
artistic	428.1 /E71t	The turn-around upside-down alphabet book	Ernst, Lisa Campbell.	U		Rotate book- illustration. represents various things beginning with letter	
artistic	428.1 /J61a	The Artful Alphabet	Jirankova-Limbrick, Martina.	B	B	Stylized letters become and do things (labeled) beginning with letter	
artistic	428.1 /P643h	The human alphabet	Pilobolus Dance Theatre.	U		Pilobolus creates letters/objects through poses/stances	wordless
artistic	E /B315ho	Hosie's alphabet.	Baskin, Leonard	U	B	Creature for each letter. Harder vocabulary. (bumptious baboon)	alliteration
artistic	E /D492b	Bembo's zoo : an animal ABC book	De Vicq de Cumplich, Roberto.	B	B	Uses letters to create animals	
artistic	E /G383ab	The absolutely awful alphabet	Gerstein, Mordicai.	U	S	Creative representations of capital letters – alliterative sentences describe pictures	alliteration
artistic	E /P388g	The graphic alphabet	Pelletier, David.			Stylized letter forms depict various objects/actions	
artistic	E /S221b	The butterfly alphabet : photographs	Sandved, Kjell Bloch		ID	See letter forms in butterfly wings - photos	rhymed
artistic	E /S556f	Found alphabet	Shindler, Ramon.	U		Short poems & photos for each. Found-object artifacts	rhymed
artistic	E /S671p	Picture a letter	Sneed, Brad.	U	ID	Identify colored letter form in surrealist (B&W) illustrations	wordless

artistic	E /Y54e	Elfabet : an ABC of elves	Yolen, Jane.	B	S	Alliterative phrase describes actions of each elf	verbs/ adverbs
Biography	921 /S479s	Sequoyah : the Cherokee man who gave his people writing	Rumford, James			Sequoyah and Cherokee "Alphabet" 84 symbols - syllabulary	non-English. Characters
framework	302.2 /H376t	Turtle Island ABC : a gathering of Native American symbols	Hausman, Gerald.	U		Native American symbols explained for each letter	
framework	307.76 /G862c	"C" is for city	Grimes, Nikki.	U	S	Rhymed text describes sights and sounds of the city	alliteration /rhymed
framework	355 /D372a	Alpha, Bravo, Charlie : the military alphabet	Demarest, Chris L.	B	B	International Communication Alphabet symbols/words & military subjects	
framework	394.261 /C737d	D is for dragon dance	Compestine, Ying Chang.	U		Traditions/ items assoc. with Chinese New Year	
framework	398.8 /M918ab	In a pumpkin shell, a Mother Goose ABC	Anglund, Joan Walsh.	U		Mother Goose Rhyme for each letter	rhymed
framework	411 /S547c	Circus ABC	Sedgwick, Paulita.	B	S	Identify circus sights and sounds for each letter - alliterative phrases	alliteration
framework	419 /B774h	Handmade ABC : a manual alphabet	Bourke, Linda.	U		Teaches manual alphabet – illustrations depict letters. Harder vocabulary.	sign language
framework	419 /C474h	Handtalk : an ABC of finger spelling & sign language	Charlip, Remy.	U		Teaches hand signs/finger spelling of words for each letter	sign language
framework	421 /A763m	Mouse writing	Arnosky, Jim.	B	ID	Mice skate tracks create cursive forms for each letter	wordless
framework	421 /B438a	ABC of America	Bellefontaine, Kim.	B	B	American sights/locations/activities/symbols - easy	
framework	428.1 /C378w	W is for world : a round-the-world ABC	Cave, Kathryn.	B		Photos from around world illustrate unifying concepts -text explains (brotherhood, peace)	
framework	428.1 /M621w	W is for wind : a weather alphabet	Paulauski, Patrick.	B		Poems for concepts related to weather/climate + information	
framework	495.6 /W455a	A to Zen : a book of Japanese culture	Wells, Ruth.			Japanese language/culture/places described/depicted	languages
framework	496 /F295j	Jambo means hello; Swahili alphabet book,	Feelings, Muriel L.	B		Teaches Swahili words/language	languages

framework	510 /S399g	G is for googol : a math alphabet book	Schwartz, David M.	U		Presents math vocabulary and concepts for each letter.	
framework	574.5 /P915w	A walk in the rainforest	Pratt, Kristin Joy.	U	S	Rainforest sights/creatures depicted and described by alliterative phrases	alliteration
framework	577.4 /M145ta	A tallgrass prairie alphabet	McGehee, Claudia	U		Names prairie flora and fauna - 1 item per letter per page	
framework	582.13 /P785w	Wildflower ABC : an alphabet of potato prints	Pomeroy, Diana.	B	B	Names of wildflowers - 1 flower per letter per page	
framework	582.16 /L991a	A B Cedar : an alphabet of trees	Lyon, George Ella	U		Identify trees by name - illustrated with silhouette/leaves/fruits	
framework	591.52 /M959v	V for vanishing : an alphabet of endangered animals	Mullins, Patricia	B		Animals; Includes picture - both common/scientific names - where found	
framework	591.77 /R795i	Into the A, B, sea : an ocean alphabet	Rose, Deborah Lee.	U		Text describes one ocean creature / plant for each letter. Easy	rhymed
framework	591.92 /P915s	A swim through the sea	Pratt, Kristin Joy.	U	S	One sea creature/letter - alliterative phrase + information about	alliteration
framework	591.978 /R992w	Wild animals of America ABC	Ryden, Hope.	U		One animal photograph/name per letter. Some unusual.	
framework	591.981 /D221a	Amazon A B C	Darling, Kathy.	B		One Amazonian animal photo/name per letter per page	
framework	628.9 /D372f	Firefighters A to Z	Demarest, Chris			Simple text with "A is for ___ pattern"; Vocabulary related to fire fighting	rhymed
framework	629.13 /R813a	The airplane ABC	Rosenblum, Richard.	U		Identifies various types of aircraft and pilots - one for each letter	
framework	688.7 /M346c	Cornhusk, silk, and wishbones : a book of dolls from around the world	Markel, Michelle.	U		Identifies/gives information about ancient/modern dolls from around world	
framework	720.3 /M968a	Architects make zigzags: looking at architecture A to Z	Munro, Roxie.	U		Depicts/explains architectural features/terms	
framework	721 /C949ar	Arches to zigzags : an architecture ABC	Crosbie, Michael J.	B		Photos/simple short verses describe Architectural features/terms	rhymed

framework	780 /K94m	M is for music	Krull, Kathleen.	B		Music related terms/instruments/people for each letter	
framework	781.91 /M468a	ABC, musical instruments from the Metropolitan Museum of Art	Mayers, Florence Cassen.	B		Instruments from museum collection for each letter Some unusual	
framework	796.32 /M468b	Basketball ABC : the NBA alphabet	Mayers, Florence Cassen.			Each letter matched with a collage of pictures illustrating a particular aspect of basketball	
framework	811 /M568h	Halloween A B C	Merriam, Eve	U		Poem for each Halloween word/creature - one for each letter	rhymed
framework	811 /M568sp	Spooky A B C	Merriam, Eve	U		Poem for each Halloween word/creature - one for each letter	rhymed
framework	811.54 /B915a	Ashley Bryan's ABC of African-American poetry.	Bryan, Ashley.	U		Introduces African American poets and poetry	
framework	811.54 /T629w	A world of words : an ABC of quotations	Tobias, Tobi.	U		Famous quotes and poems for word beginning with each letter	
framework	811.54 /W181r	Ridiculous rhymes from A to Z	Walker, John.	U	S	Rhymed, alliterative poems for each letter	alliteration/ rhymed
framework	861 /A191g	Gathering the sun : an alphabet in Spanish and English	Ada, Alma Flor.	U		Spanish words / English translations - poems for each letter (30 Characters)	languages/ non-English characters
framework	942.05 /M284q	The Queen's progress	Mannis, Celeste Davidson.	U		Life in Elizabethan England - elaborate illustrations. Rhymed verse + explanatory. text	rhymed
framework	945 /K29t	T is for Toscana	Kelley, Gary.	U		Italian alphabet (21 letters) and words - Tuscany scenes and culture	languages
framework	954 /D229is	I is for India	Das, Prodeepta.	B		Photographs of India -scenes, culture, people	
framework	960 /N691a	A is for Africa : an alphabet book	Owoo, Ife Nii.	B		African creatures, objects, scenes; easy "D is for ___" pattern	
framework	970 /B887m	Many nations : an alphabet of Native America	Bruchac, Joseph	U		Native American tribal names/peoples in appropriate dress/environments	
framework	970 /C539a	A is for the Americas	Chin-Lee, Cynthia.	U		Various people, environments, culture of the Americas	
framework	973 /C518a	America : a patriotic primer	Cheney, Lynne	U		U.S. history, geography, people.	

framework	973 /C518ai	A is for Abigail : an almanac of amazing American women	Cheney, Lynne	U		Almanac of famous American women	
framework	973 /D376o	Oscar de Mejo's ABC	De Mejo, Oscar.	U		De Mejo's paintings of American myths, legends illustrate each letter	
framework	974.7 /M527n	New York, New York! : the Big Apple from A to Z	Melmed, Laura Krauss.	U		Sights, sounds, history of NYC; rhymed verses + many details	rhymed
framework	974.8 /A978f	The folks in the valley : a Pennsylvania Dutch ABC	Aylesworth, Jim.	B		Very simple text describes objects, creatures, scenes of Penn. Dutch life	rhymed
framework	975.3 /M527c	Capital! : Washington, D.C. from A to Z	Melmed, Laura Krauss.	U		Tour Wash. DC - rhymed verses + informational text/details	rhymed
framework	977.7 /G336i	I is for Iowa	Gensicke, Mary Ann.	B		Iowa history - people, places, events for each letter	
framework	977.7 /P617h	H is for Hawkeye : an Iowa alphabet	Pierce, Patricia	B		Rhymed verse + informational text - Iowa people, places, facts	rhymed
framework	978 /M468a	ABC, the Wild West: Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming	Mayers, Florence Cassen.	B	B	Objects from museum illustrate items/culture of Old West.	
framework	E /A992g	A gardener's alphabet	Azarian, Mary.		S	Gardens - harder vocabulary	
framework	E /B219p	A prairie alphabet	Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo.		S	Prairies. Harder vocabulary. Good read aloud	alliteration
framework	E /B786an	Antler, bear, canoe : a northwoods alphabet year	Bowen, Betsy.	B	B	Regional – North woods scenes, creatures	
framework	E /C689bg	Bug in a rug : reading fun for just-beginners	Cole, Joanna.	B	B	Learn to read: only 3 pages deal with alphabet	rebus
framework	E /C927w	We read : A to Z	Crews, Donald.	B	S	More about teaching concepts (color/size/shape/position)	
framework	E /D654d	The dog from Arf! Arf! to Zzzzzz	Dog Artist Collection (Firm)	U	B	Pictures not readily decipherable - dog behaviors/actions	
framework	E /F628r	The racecar alphabet	Floca, Brian.	U	S	Auto racing - pictures tell a race story	alliteration
framework	E /H112a	Appaloosa zebra : a horse lover's alphabet	Haas, Jessie.	U	B	All about breeds, horsemanship, horse related vocabulary	alliteration
framework	E /I74c	City seen from A to Z	Isadora, Rachel.	U	B	View of city places + things – 1 word per letter per page	

framework	E /I74oy	On your toes : a ballet ABC	Isadora, Rachel.	U	B	Ballet moves, vocabulary organized by alphabet	
framework	E /J76a	Aardvarks, disembark!	Jonas, Ann.		S	Parade of unusual animals leaves Noah's Ark from Z to A	
framework	E /J82a	Amazon alphabet	Jordan, Martin	B	B	Amazon animals pictured for each letter	
framework	E /K55a	Dick King-Smith's Alphabeasts	King-Smith, Dick.	U		Unusual animals; verses about each	rhymed
framework	E /K59ma	Miss Spider's ABC	Kirk, David	U	S	Alliterative phrases describe insects, bugs, flowers at spider's party	alliteration
framework	E /K62a	Animal alphabet	Kitchen, Bert.	U	B	Unusual animals - names listed at end	wordless
framework	E /L638c	Caribbean alphabet	Lessac, Frané.	U	S	Words for sights in Caribbean – find several in each picture	
framework	E /L797a	Alison's zinnia	Lobel, Anita.	U	S	Alliterative text identifies a variety of flowers/actions	alliteration
framework	E /L797aw	Away from home	Lobel, Anita.		S	Visit places around world for each letter	alliteration
framework	E /M133sa	The sailors alphabet	McCurdy, Michael.	U		Sailing related vocabulary explained / identified	rhymed
framework	E /M145a	All around the town;	McGinley, Phyllis	U	B	Short poems for city sounds and sights	rhymed
framework	E /M191a	All aboard ABC	Magee, Doug	B		All about trains	
framework	E /M987a	Ashanti to Zulu : African traditions	Musgrove, Margaret.	U		Customs and cultural aspects of African tribes	
framework	E /O59a	A is for Africa	Onyefulu, Ifeoma	B		Information about African people places, things - photos	
framework	E /O97c	A caribou alphabet	Owens, Mary Beth.	B		Rhymed text tells about caribou characteristics and habits	rhymed
framework	E /P324e	Eight hands round : a patchwork alphabet	Paul, Ann Whitford.	U		Describes variety of quilt patterns and origins	
framework	E /P762g	G is for goat	Polacco, Patricia.	U		Narrative -vocabulary. related to goat-herding and goats	rhymed
framework	E /R224a	Agent A to Agent Z	Rash, Andy.	U	S	Features things spies have or do - specialized vocabulary.	rhymed
framework	E /R896a	ABC Americana from the National Gallery of Art	Rubin, Cynthia Elyce.	U	B	1/1 correspondence but some hard vocabulary - related to folk art- photos	

framework	E /S374ov	Over under in the garden: an alphabet book	Schories, Pat.	U	B	Names of flower, insects, things found in gardens	
framework	E /S525j	The jazzy alphabet	Shahan, Sherry.	U	S	Jazz, be-bop, scat vocabulary in alliterative phrases	alliteration
framework	E /S544p	Potluck	Shelby, Anne.		S	Alliterative sentences tell what each guest brought to potluck	alliteration
framework	E /S677b	B is for bulldozer : a construction ABC	Sobel, June.	U	B	Construction equipment for each letter	rhymed
framework	E /S937p	Prairie primer : A to Z	Stutson, Caroline.	U	B	View of prairie life - related regional and historical vocabulary.	rhymed
framework	E /W337a	Applebet : an ABC	Watson, Clyde.	U	B	Describes a day visiting the fair	rhymed
framework	E /W744g	A garden alphabet	Wilner, Isabel.	B		Short verses about garden related creatures and things	rhymed
framework	E /W815c	A cottage garden alphabet	Wisnewski, Andrea.	U		Garden related vocabulary "A is for Arbor" pattern throughout	
framework	new	F is for fiesta	Elya, Susan Middleton	U	B	Spanish alphabet (30 characters) and fiesta words for each; rhymed	languages/ non-English characters
framework	new	SuperHero ABC	McLeod, Bob.	B	S	Superhero named and described for each letter- comic book style	alliteration
framework	new	Yankee Doodle America: the spirit of 1776 from A to Z	Minor, Wendell.	U	S	People/ideas/things related to American Revolution	
framework	497 /T172n	Navajo ABC : a Diné alphabet book	Tapahonso, Luci	B	B	Navajo words/culture very simply represented. 1 wd/object per letter	languages
game	411 /O16a	The ark in the attic : an alphabet adventure	Ockenga, Starr.	B	B	Find things for each letter in the pictures - harder vocabulary in text	rhymed
game	428.1 /C877a	Abstract alphabet : a book of animals	Cox, Paul	U		Uses substitute, artistic symbols for letters - decipher animal-words	
game	590 /H811a	A is for-- ? : a photographer's alphabet of animals	Horenstein, Henry.	U		Guess the animal in the photos for each letter	wordless

game	E /A265z	Z goes home	Agee, Jon.		B	Find letter/guess word	
game	E /B299a	Animalia	Base, Graeme.		S	Guess hidden animal	alliteration
game	E /B527a	Alphabeasts : a hide & seek alphabet book	Bernhard, Durga.	U	B	1 word/pg - find hidden picture	
game	E /B774e	Eye spy : a mysterious alphabet	Bourke, Linda.	U	B	Homonyms/homophones guessing	wordless
game	E /C164i	It begins with an A	Calmenson, Stephanie.	U	S	Picture riddles; (easy)	rhymed
game	E /C678a	ABCDiscovery! : an alphabet book of picture puzzles	Cohen, Izhar.	B	B	Many words. to find in 1 big picture	
game	E /D378d	Demi's Find-the-animal A.B.C. : an alphabet-game book.	Demi.	B	B	Easy -animal introduces letter - find more animals	
game	E /D751a	Alphabet puzzle	Downie, Jill.	B	B	Easy - guess the picture	wordless
game	E /E22g	The Glorious ABC	Edens, Cooper.	U	B	Identify something in intricate illus.; harder vocabulary	
game	E /E51q	Q is for duck : an alphabet guessing game	Elting, Mary	U	B	Guess why A is for Zoo/turn page for answer - easy vocabulary	
game	E /G244a	The alphabet tale.	Garten, Jan.	U	B	Guess animal that begins with letter	
game	E /G313pi	Pigs from A to Z	Geisert, Arthur.	U	B	Find forms of letters hidden in pictures	alliteration
game	E /H289m	Midnight in the cemetery : a spooky search-and-find alphabet book	Harness, Cheryl.		S	Find various objects in picture for each letter	alliteration /rhymed
game	E /H716i	I unpacked my grandmother's trunk : a picture book game	Hoguet, Susan Ramsay.			Memory game - recall word for each letter, adding on	
game	E /H996li	A little alphabet	Hyman, Trina Schart.	U	B	Find pictures within illuminations for each letter	wordless
game	E /K62w	What's inside? : the alphabet book	Kitamura, Satoshi.	L	B	Guess what unusual thing is in container	
game	E /L185a	The amazing I spy ABC: Over 250 animals and objects to spy and identify	Laidlaw, Ken.	B	B	Peek-flaps, hidden pictures/ guess what for ea. letter	
game	E /L642ai	A is for salad	Lester, Mike.	U		Funny pictures - guess why this letter applies?	

game	E /M625i	I spy : an alphabet in art	Micklethwait, Lucy.	B	B	Identify details within famous works of art for each letter	
game	E /S847gr	Grandpa's great city tour : an alphabet book	Stevenson, James	B	B	Find a variety of item in each illustration for each letter	wordless (nearly)
game	E /V217z	The alphabet theatre proudly presents the Z was zapped : a play in twenty-six acts	Van Allsburg, Chris.	U		Guess word/phrase to describe the picture	
game	E /W555w	Whatley's quest	Whatley, Bruce.	B		Find hidden letter and objects in each illustration	wordless
poetry	398.8 /O61n	Nursery companion	Opie, Iona Archibald.	B	B	3 alphabet poems - reproduced from 19th century children's books.	rhymed
poetry	811 /C641q	Quilt alphabet	Cline-Ransome, Lesa.	U		Letter is depicted in quilt square; poem and picture for each	rhymed
poetry	811 /S818a	Alpha beta chowder	Steig, Jeanne.			Humorous poems about characters and creatures	alliteration/ rhymed
poetry	811 /U66h	A helpful alphabet of friendly objects : poems	Updike, John.	B		Short poems about everyday animals /objects	
poetry	811.54 /H794a	Alphathoughts : alphabet poems	Hopkins, Lee Bennett.	U		Short verses define/characterize word and picture for each letter	
poetry	E /E46a	An alphabet of rotten kids!	Elliott, David	U	B	Child name for each Letter - funny "bad kids" poems	
poetry	E /L438ed	An Edward Lear alphabet	Lear, Edward	U	B	Illustrates Lear's poem ; rhyming nonsense words	rhymed
poetry	E /M135aw	A was once an apple pie	MacDonald, Suse.	U	B	Illustrates Lear's poem ; rhyming nonsense words	rhymed
poetry	E /S949a	Alphabet animals	Sullivan, Charles	U	B	A poem - famous animal picture/painting for each letter	
story	398.2 /D337g	The Gunnywolf	Delaney, A.			Little girl repeatedly sings alphabet song and escapes wolf	
story	418 /W455l	Letters and sounds	Wells, Rosemary.		B	Interactive story invites readers to guess/identify/pronounce	

story	E /A978n	Naughty little monkeys	Aylesworth, Jim.		S	Names and mischief for each letter	rhymed
story	E /A978ol	Old black fly	Aylesworth, Jim.		S	Rhymed / rhythmic pattern	alliteration
story	E /B889b	Bad kitty	Bruel, Nick.		S	3 different abc sets (2 of foods / 1 for behaviors)	
story	E /C255m	Mrs. McTats and her houseful of cats	Capucilli, Alyssa.	U	S	Counting cats up to 24 +1 dog	rhymed
story	E /C278a	All about Arthur (an absolutely absurd ape)	Carle, Eric.	U	S	Humorous alliterative descriptions	alliteration
story	E /C357ma	Matthew A.B.C.	Catalanotto, Peter.	B	B	Intuit meanings of pictures / harder vocabulary	
story	E /C456a	A is for Amos	Chandra, Deborah.	B	B	Easy to read; farm life	
story	E /C877c	Crazy alphabet	Cox, Lynn	B	S	Easy; Pattern = "House That Jack Built" ; cause/effect	
story	E /C947cq	Click clack, quackity-quack	Cronin, Doreen.	not consistent	S	Easy text - animals/activities related to picnic	alliteration
story	E /C986ab	The ABC mystery	Cushman, Doug.	U	S	Easy text - clues lead to stolen art works	rhymed
story	E /D639d	Dog's ABC : a silly story about the alphabet	Dodd, Emma	B	B	Easy text - all around neighborhood with dog	
story	E /E26wa	Wacky wedding : a book of alphabet antics	Edwards, Pamela Duncan.	in text	S	Stylized script. Ant wedding goes awry	alliteration
story	E /G548a	The Alphazeds	Glaser, Milton.	U	ID	Stylized fonts - hard vocabulary - alphabet creatures interact	
story	E /G878my	My little sister hugged an ape	Grossman, Bill.			What sister hugs / letter and what happens - funny	rhymed
story	E /H147a	Alphabears : an ABC book	Hague, Kathleen.	U	B	Bear for ea. letter-various moods, activities, personalities	alliteration
story	E /H682ta	Toot & Puddle : Puddle's ABC	Hobbie, Holly.	B	B	Clear letter/pictures examples within story as Toot teaches	alliteration
story	E /H894aa	Alfie's ABC	Hughes, Shirley.	B	B	Easy – describes what Alfie does/likes; some hard vocabulary	
story	E /H894l	Lucy & Tom's a.b.c.	Hughes, Shirley.	B	B	Many words. per letter per page	
story	E /I56k	Kipper's A to Z : an alphabet adventure	Inkpen, Mick.	B	B	Easy text - could be read on level 2 by skipping some text	

story	E /K14w	What Pete ate from A-Z	Kalman, Maira.	B	B	Alliterative text describes what unusual things dog ate	alliteration
story	E /L587k	K is for kitten	Leopold, Niki Clark.	U	B	Easy-Rhymed text tells about Kitten's day	rhymed
story	E /L742a	The awful aardvarks go to school	Lindbergh, Reeve.	U	S	Rhymed alliterative text tells of chaotic school day	alliteration
story	E /L763at	The alphabet tree.	Lionni, Leo, 1910-	L		Message -letters/words metaphor for working together	
story	E /M156p	The perfectly orderly house	McKenzie, Ellen Kindt.			Woman tries to organize house using alphabet	
story	E /M379c	Chicka chicka boom boom	Martin, Bill, 1916-	B	ID	Alphabet letters in order then all scrambled	rhymed
story	E /M691s	The story of Z	Modesitt, Jeanne.	U		Letter Z rebels and quits due to low self-esteem	
story	E /P324ev	Everything to spend the night--from A to Z	Paul, Ann Whitford.	U		Rhymed story - things related to sleepovers/packing	rhymed
story	E /P763h	The hole by the apple tree : an A-Z discovery tale	Polette, Nancy.	U	B	Imaginative tale about what is in hole - objects for each letter	
story	E /R456cl	Curious George learns the alphabet.	Rey, H. A. (Hans Augusto)	B	B	George learns to identify/hear sounds (letters highlighted in text)	
story	E /S631mc	Miss Bindergarten celebrates the 100th day of kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	rhymed
story	E /S631mf	Miss Bindergarten takes a field trip with kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	rhymed
story	E /S631mi	Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	rhymed
story	E /S631mp	Miss Bindergarten plans a circus with kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	rhymed
story	E /S631ms	Miss Bindergarten stays home from kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	rhymed
story	E /S631mw	Miss Bindergarten has a wild day in kindergarten	Slate, Joseph.	U		Student name for each letter of alphabet	
story	E /S864a	Alexander's midnight snack : a little elephant's ABC	Stock, Catherine.	U	B	Initial letters of midnight snacks are highlighted in text	

story	E /T342l	A long trip to Z	Testa, Fulvio.	L	B	Easy (1line/pg.) text-toy airplane journey past object for each letter	
story	E /W873a	Alphabet adventure	Wood, Audrey.	B		Alphabet letters are characters – lower case “l” loses her dot	
story	E /W873am	Alphabet mystery	Wood, Audrey.	B		Alphabet letters are characters - little X is missing!	
story	new	Max’s ABC /	Wells, Rosemary.	U	B	Things/events in Max's world for each letter - very easy to read	alliteration
wordplay	E /A544a	An alphabet in five acts	Andersen, Karen Born.		S	Build alphabet sentences	
wordplay	E /B357a	A my name is Alice	Bayer, Jane.	U	S	Rhythmic pattern; word recall/order game	alliteration
wordplay	E /C525a	Alphaboat	Chesworth, Michael.	Not constant	S	Text of story filled with tricky puns	puns
wordplay	E /E34a	Ape in a cape : an alphabet of odd animals	Eichenberg, Fritz	U	B	Unusual animals/combos; more about teaching rhyme	rhymed
wordplay	E /F536e	Ellsworth’s extraordinary electric ears and other amazing alphabet anecdotes	Fisher, Valorie.	B	S	Funny alliterative phrases describe many examples/letter	alliteration
wordplay	E /F671e	Easy as pie : a guessing game of sayings	Folsom, Marcia McClintock.	U		Easy text - More about similes/clichés	similes/clichés
wordplay	E /G595h	Heidi’s zoo : an un-alphabet book	Goennel, Heidi.	B	ID	Paired letters create visual wordplay	
wordplay	E /H477g	Goblins in green	Heller, Nicholas.	U	S	Alliterative phrases describe goblins dress-up; hard vocabulary	alliteration
wordplay	E /H477o	Ogres! ogres! ogres! : a feasting frenzy from A to Z	Heller, Nicholas.	U	S	Alliterative. Phrases describe Ogres eating things - hard vocabulary.	alliteration
wordplay	E /H529a	Antics! : an alphabetical anthology	Hepworth, Catherine.	U		Each Word has letters "ant" in it -1 word/picture per page; hard vocabulary.	
wordplay	E /K29as	Aster Aardvark’s alphabet adventures	Kellogg, Steven.	U	S	Alliterative (elaborate) sentences tell whole story	alliteration
wordplay	E /M978ak	The Alphabet Keeper	Murphy, Mary		B	Letters flip, rotate, rearrange to form various words (b -p-d-q)	

wordplay	E /O12fa	Faint frogs feeling feverish : & other terrifically tantalizing tongue twisters	Obligado, Lilian.	U	S	Alliterative tongue twisters & phrases for each letter	alliteration
wordplay	E /S496on	On beyond zebra	Seuss, Dr.			Story where new alphabet is created after Z	rhymed
wordplay	E /S528t	Tomorrow's alphabet	Shannon, George.	U		"A is for..." what it will become tomorrow - guessing game	
wordplay	E /S558i	If the world ran out of B's	Shireman, Samantha.			What would happen if no more "B" letters (Bill would be "ill")	
wordplay	E /V798al	The Alphabet from Z to A : (with much confusion on the way)	Viorst, Judith.		S	Highlights inconsistencies for sounds/letters rules	
wordplay poetry	811 /S362a	Autumn : an alphabet acrostic	Schnur, Steven.	U		Acrostic poems describe seasonal sights and sounds; Fall	acrostic
wordplay poetry	811 /S362s	Summer : an alphabet acrostic	Schnur, Steven.	U		Acrostic poems describe seasonal sights and sounds; Summer	acrostic
wordplay poetry	811 /S362sp	Spring : an alphabet acrostic	Schnur, Steven.	U		Acrostic poems describe seasonal sights and sounds; Spring	acrostic
wordplay poetry	811 /S362w	Winter : an alphabet acrostic	Schnur, Steven.	U		Acrostic poems describe seasonal sights and sounds; Winter	acrostic
wordplay poetry	811 /W666d	The disappearing alphabet	Wilbur, Richard-	U		Humorous poems which leave out letters from words	rhymed
wordplay poetry	Big Book /G883a	The accidental zucchini : an unexpected alphabet	Grover, Max.	U	S	Alliterative, unusual word pairs describe humorous illustrations.	alliteration
wordplay game	E /C132w	Word play ABC	Cahoon, Heather.	B	B	Guess visual puns - harder vocabulary.	puns