Alphabet Ringtoss

Skill: alphabet recognition **Players:** 2

Materials

large box lid white construction paper scissors paste black marker

10 small plastic bracelets, such as those found in party supply or novelty stores (or use pipe cleaners twisted into rings or "O" rings)

Getting Ready

Cut and paste the white construction paper to fit the inside of the box lid. If desired, decorate the outside of the box lid with colorful self-adhesive paper.

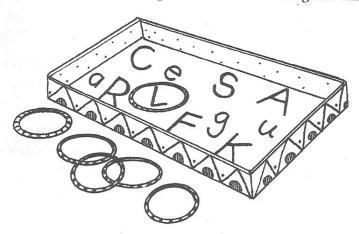
Write upper- and lowercase letters on the white construction paper using a thick black marker.

Place the completed box lid on the floor.

How to Play

1 Each player selects five plastic arm bracelets (rings).

Players take turns throwing one bracelet into the box lid and naming each letter the bracelet touches or surounds. One point is scored for each correct answer. The game continues until each player tosses all five bracelets. The player with the most points at the end of the game wins.



Teacher Corner

For primary-age students, it's helpful to provide daily alphabet recognition exercises. The following quick and engaging activities can be used to develop alphabet recognition:

Letter Hold-Up

Have children sit in a circle. Distribute one alphabet card to each child. As you sing "The Alphabet Song," ask each child to hold up his or her card as the letter's name is sung.

Name Card Call-Out

During the first few days of school, use children's name tags as a means of lining up for lunch, recess, or a special class such as music. Hold up an alphabet card and ask those children whose names begin with that letter to line up. Continue until all children have lined up.

ABC Books

Read a new ABC book to children every week. Allow children an opportunity to look at the pictures and identify objects whose names contain a specific sound. Place these books in your reading corner or classroom library.