



Simon Says Letters

Skill: Alphabet Recognition

<u>What you need</u>	<u>Who can play</u>
Alphabet cards (uppercase or lowercase)	Child and adult / older sibling

What you do

1. Lay some or all of the alphabet cards on the floor or a table.
2. Play “Simon Says” using commands such as:
 - Simon says, touch the letter F with your pinky.
 - Simon says, place the letter S on the couch.
 - Simon says, place the letters D and P on your foot / shoe.
 - Simon says, jump as high as you can over the letter R.
 - Simon says, run from the letter B to the letter L.
3. Tips:
 - Work with the same set of letters until your child knows them *cold!*
 - Incorporate your child’s interests into your commands, such as, using dance moves, moving like an animal to pick up a card, or using big, gross-motor movements.

Other ways to play

1. Have your child give *you* the commands to follow and confirm that you identify the correct letter card(s).
2. Add a speed element to the game! Use a timer to see how quickly your child can complete actions for all of the cards. Once an action is complete, they turn the card upside-down. See if they can beat their time from one day to the next.

Taking it further

1. Add letter sounds to the commands that you give.
2. Use words that have those letters at the beginning, end, or middle in your commands. For example: “Simon says, do a somersault over top of the letter at the beginning of *rain*.”

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