Letter Sounds: Show These

Point at a letter and ask what SOUND it makes, then what it is called. Write what happened on page 2. There are no pictures here on purpose — a picture would give the answer away.

a A	b B	c C	d D	e E	f F
g G	h H	i I	j J	k K	l L
m M	n N	o O	p P	q Q	r R
s S	t T	u U	v V	w W	x X
y Y	z Z				

Letter Sounds: The Record

One row per letter. Tick the sound and the name separately — a child often has one without the other.

Letter	Sound	Name	Date	Date	Date
a A					
b B					
c C					
d D					
e E					
f F					
g G					
h H					
i I					
j J					
k K					
l L					
m M					
n N					
o O					
p P					
q Q					
r R					
s S					
t T					
u U					
v V					
w W					
x X					
y Y					
z Z					

Letter Sounds: How to Use It

For the grown-up. Ten minutes, three times a term, tells you more than any one sitting can.

ADULT **Ask for the sound first**

Point at a letter on page 1 and ask what sound it makes. Then ask what it is called. Tick the columns separately, because a child who can name every letter and sound none of them is in a very different place from one who can do both for half the alphabet.

ADULT AND CHILD **Stop when it stops being fun**

Twenty-six letters is too many for one sitting with most four-year-olds. Do a row or two, leave the rest, and come back. A sheet finished over a week is worth more than one abandoned halfway.

ADULT **Do not correct during the check**

Say nothing about a wrong answer until the sheet is down. Correcting mid-check turns an inventory into a lesson, and what you write down stops being what your child knew before you helped.

ADULT **Teach the first two or three gaps, not the worst**

Read down the sound column for the first letters with no tick and start there. Two or three at a time, not twenty-six: the point of a list of gaps is to make the next week obvious, not to describe everything at once.

ADULT AND CHILD **Come back in a month**

Use the second and third date columns. A child moving from four sounds to eleven over a term is the thing worth knowing, and it is invisible on any single sheet.