

5 Fun Letter 'E' Activities

Activity 1: Egg Letter Hunt

Materials needed:

- Plastic eggs or egg-shaped cutouts
- Small letter 'E' cards (uppercase and lowercase)
- Basket or container

Instructions:

1. Hide plastic eggs around the classroom or outdoor area
2. Place small letter 'E' cards inside each egg
3. Children search for eggs and identify the letter inside
4. Encourage them to say "E" and name an object that starts with E when found
5. Collect all eggs in the basket and count them together

EYFS Links: Communication & Language, Physical Development, Mathematics

Activity 2: Elephant Ear Listening Game

Materials needed:

- Grey card for elephant ears (one pair per child)
- String or headbands
- Various sound sources that begin with 'E' (egg timer, electronic sounds)

Instructions:

1. Help children create elephant ears using grey card
2. Attach ears to headbands or string to wear
3. Explain that elephant ears help them listen carefully
4. Play various 'E' sounds and ask children to identify them
5. When they hear an 'E' sound, they touch their elephant ears

EYFS Links: Listening & Attention, Understanding, Phonological Awareness

Activity 3: Exciting 'E' Sensory Tray

Materials needed:

- Large shallow tray
- Edible seeds (like rice or couscous)

- Letter 'E' shapes (wooden, plastic, or laminated)
- Small objects beginning with 'E' (egg cups, erasers, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Fill tray with seeds for sensory base
2. Hide letter 'E' shapes and 'E' objects in the tray
3. Children use fingers to find items in the sensory material
4. When objects are found, practice saying their names
5. Sort objects and match them to letter 'E' cards

EYFS Links: Fine Motor Skills, Vocabulary Development, Exploration

Activity 4: Enormous and Eensy 'E' Sizing

Materials needed:

- Very large letter 'E' (floor-sized if possible)
- Medium-sized letter 'E' cards
- Tiny letter 'E' cards
- Size-sorting mats

Instructions:

1. Create a giant 'E' on the floor using tape or fabric
2. Show children the different sized 'E's
3. Children walk around/over the enormous 'E'
4. Sort medium and tiny 'E's onto appropriate mats
5. Use vocabulary: "enormous," "medium," "eensy/tiny"

EYFS Links: Mathematics, Physical Development, Vocabulary

Activity 5: Everyone's 'E' Collage

Materials needed:

- Large letter 'E' outline on paper
- Various collage materials beginning with 'E':
 - Egg cartons (cut up)
 - Envelopes (cut up)
 - Earth-toned papers
 - Elastic bands
 - Empty wrappers

Instructions:

1. Show children the letter 'E' outline
2. Discuss each collage material and its 'E' name
3. Children take turns adding materials to the collage

4. **Emphasize the 'E' sound as materials are added**
5. **Display the finished collaborative 'E' artwork**

EYFS Links: Expressive Arts & Design, Communication & Language, Personal & Social Development

Extension Ideas:

- **Create an 'E' word wall with pictures**
- **Read books featuring characters or objects beginning with 'E'**
- **Go on an 'E' sound walk around the school**
- **Make egg shakers for a musical activity**
- **Plant and grow edible seeds**

This resource aligns with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework for phonics and early literacy development.

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