

CONCEPT BOOKS

Alphabet Books

Title	Author	Publisher, Date
A Is For Africa	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Dutton/Penguin USA 1993
A is for America: An American Alphabet	Devin Scillian	Sleeping Bear Press 2001
A is for Asia	Cynthia Chin-Lee	Orchard Books 1997

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Books like these introduce kids to a well-respected research project format...presenting information they have learned about a topic in alphabetical order. There are lots of books on this list, like "D is for Dolphin" and "The Dog from Arf! Arf! To ZZZ", that will help you model this type of report organizational style!

A to Zen: A Book of Japanese Culture	Ruth Wells & Yoshi	Picture Book Studio 1992
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***Idea:** other countries' alphabets look different... Can you make alphabet books for other asian languages...or for other world cultures?

ABCedar: An Alphabet of Trees	George Ella Lyon	Orchard Books 1989
Achoo! Bang! Crash! The Noisy Alphabet	ROSS Macdonald	Roaring Brook Press 2003
Alison's Zinnia (Names of Flowers)	Anita Lobel	Morrow 1990
Alligators All Around	Maurice Sendak	Harper 1962
Alphabatics	SUSE Macdonald	Bradbury Press 1986
Alphabeasts	Wallace Edwards	Kids Can Press 2002
Alphabet Adventure	Audrey Wood	Scholastic 2001
The Alphabet Keeper	Mary Murphy	Knopf 2002

***Idea:** This story tells what happens when all the alphabet letters fly away, mixing themselves...and their keeper!...up in the process! A phonetic look at the alphabet. See also: "Word Wizard" by Cathryn Falwell.

Alphabet Under Construction	Denise Fleming	Holt 2002
Anno's Alphabet : An Adventure in Imagination	Mitsumasa Anno	Thom Crowell 1975
Anno's Magical ABC: An Anamorphic Alphabet	Mitsumasa Anno	Philomel/Putnam 1981
Arlene Alda's Alphabet: A New Way of Seeing	Arlene Alda	Celestial Arts Pub 1981

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Pair this book with "The City Alphabet"; both use objects found in our world to represent alphabet letters. Cut out photos or send your students out with cameras to record different views of our letters as they find in the environments around them!

B is for Beaver: An Oregon Alphabet	Roland And Marie Smith	Sleeping Bear Press	2003
Bembo's Zoo : An Animal ABC Book	ROBERTO Devicq De CUMPTICH	Holt	2000
The Butterfly Alphabet	Kjell B Sandved	Scholastic	1996
Calavera Abecedario: A Day of the Dead Alphabet Book	Jeanette Winter	Harcourt	2004
The City ABC (Urban living and design)	Zoran Milich	Kids Can Press	2001
D is for Dolphin	Janet Biondi	Windom Books	1991
The Disappearing Alphabet	Richard Wilbur	Harcourt	1997

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For Middle School and High School Students: Pair this book with "Ella Minnow Pea" by Mark Dunn (MacAdam/Cage, 2001) about a fantasy island losing letters from its language one at a time...how are writing and other communication devices affected?

The Dog from Arf! Arf! To ZZZZ	The Dog Artist Collection	Harper	2004
Eating the Alphabet (Gardening)	Lois Ehlert	Harcourt	1989
G Is For Goat	Patricia Polacco	Philomel	2003
G is For Google: A Math Alphabet Book	David M Schwartz	Tricycle Press	1998
Gathering the Sun	Alma Flor Ada		

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For older students, this book and its science counterpart, "Q is for Quark", are much more advanced looks at each subject's most difficult concepts!

The Hidden Alphabet	Laura Vaccaro Seeger	Roaring Brook Press	2003
L is for Last Frontier	Carol Crane (Alaska)	Sleeping Bear Press	2002
O is for Orca: A Pacific Northwest Alphabet Book	Wolfe & Helman	Sasquatch Books	1995
P Is For Passport: A World Alphabet	Devin Scillian	Sleeping Bear Press	
Picture a Letter	Brad Sneed	Penguin USA	2002
Q Is For Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game	Mary Elting & Michael Folsom	Houghton	1980

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This book uses the alphabet in a nontraditional way to encourage your students to use good critical thinking skills to figure out how the pattern works. Pair it with "Tomorrow's Alphabet" to help them push their brains a little!!

Q Is for Quark: A Science Alphabet Book	David M Schwartz	Tricycle Press	2001
Read Anything Good Lately?	Susan Allen & Jane Lindeman	Millbrook Press	2003

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Have your students brainstorm other genres and literary formats... put these in alphabetical order. Brainstorm other place they could go to read...match new genres and new places up to create new pages for this alphabet treat!

The Skull Alphabet Book	Jerry Pallotta	Charlesbridge	2002
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***Idea:** Jerry Pallotta has written many great alphabet books on a huge variety of topics...this is one of his newest and most interesting. Look up his other titles and do an author study on this man who has built a career on writing alphabet books!

A Swim Through The Sea	Kristin Joy Pratt	Dawn Publications	1994
Tomorrow's Alphabet	George Shannon	Morrow	1996
The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet Book	Lisa Campbell Ernst	Simon&Schuster	2004
A Walk in the Rainforest	Kristin Joy Pratt	Dawn Publications	1992
Wildflower ABC	Diana Pomeroy	Harcourt	2001
Word Wizard	Cathryn Falwell	Clarion	1998
Z Goes Home	Jon Agee	Hyperion	2003
Zoo Flakes ABC	Will Howell	Walker & Co	2003

Books Introducing Colors

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?	Bill Martin Jr	Holt	1967/1983
The Color Box	Dayle Ann Dodds	Little Brown	1992
Color Zoo	Lois Ehlert	Lippencott	1989
Freight Train	Donald Crews	Morrow	1978
Little Blue and Little Yellow	Leo Lionni	Astor Books	1959
Mouse Paint (Color Mixing)	Ellen Stoll Walsh	Harcourt	1989
Red Are the Apples (Apple cultivation and harvesting)	Marc Harshman & Cheryl Ryan	Harcourt	2001
Why Is an Orange Called an Orange?	Cobi Ladner	MacArthur & Co	2002

Books Introducing Numbers

1 is One	Tasha Tudor	Rand McNally	1956
Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream	Cindy Neuschwander	Scholastic	1998
Anno's Counting Book	Mitsumasa Anno	ThomCrowell	1977
Boom Chicka Rock	John Archambault	Philomel Books	2004
Bunny Party	Rosemary Wells	PenguinUSA	2001
Chimp Math	Ann Whitehead Nagda & Cindy Bickel	Holt	2001
Daisy 1 2 3	Peter Catalanotto	Atheneum	2003
The Hershey's Kisses Addition Book	Jerry Pallotta	Scholastic	2001
How Much is a Million?	David Schwartz And Steven Kellogg	HarperCollins	
If You Made a Million	David Schwartz And Steven	HarperCollins	

	Kellogg		
Math Curse	Jon Scieszka + Lane Smith	Penguin	1995
Math Fables	Greg Tang (Many Other Titles By Tang, All Using A 'Riddle' Approach To Teaching Basic Math Concepts)	Scholastic Press	2004
Mathematticles!	Betsy Franco	McElderry	2003
Millions to Measure	David Schwartz And Steven Kellogg	HarperCollins	
One Child, One Seed: A South African Counting Book	Kathryn Cave	Frances Lincoln Press (England)	2002
One Guinea Pig is not Enough	Kate Duke	Penguin USA	1998
One Hundred Hungry Ants	Elinor J Pinczes	Houghton	1993
One Is a Snail, Ten Is a Crab: Counting by Feet	April Pulley And Jeff Sayre	Candlewick Press	2003
One Some Many	Marthe Jocelyn & Tom Slaughter	Tundra	2004
One Was Johnny: A Counting Book	Maurice Sendak	Harper	1962
Piece=Part=Portion	Scott Gifford	Tricycle Press	2003
Pizza Counting	Christina Dobson	Charlesbridge	2002
Polar Bear Math	Ann Whitehead Nagda & Cindy Bickel	Holt	2004
Reese's Pieces Count By Fives	Jerry Pallotta	Scholastic	2000
Riddle-iculous Math!	Joan Holub	Whitman	2003
Seven Blind Mice	Ed Young	Putnam/PenguinUSA	1992
Ten Friends	Bruce Goldstone	Holt	2001
Ten, Nine, Eight	Molly Bang	Morrow	1983
Tiger Math	Ann Whitehead Nagda & Cindy Bickel	Holt	2000
We All Went on Safari: Counting Journey through Tanzania	Laurie Krebs & Julia Cairns	Barefoot Books	2003
Who Sees the Lighthouse?	Ann Fearington	Putnam/Penguin USA	

Other Concept Books

Shape Up! Fun with Triangles and Other Polygons	David Adler	Holiday House	1998
Who Ordered the Jumbo Shrimp and Other Oxymorons	Jon Agee	HarperCollins	1998
Elvis Lives! And Other Anagrams	Jon Agee	Farrar Straus	2000
Palindromania!	Jon Agee	Farrar Straus	2002
More Parts (Figures of	Tedd Arnold	Dial	2001

Speech)			
Dearly, Nearly, Insincerely: What Is An Adverb? See Also: A Mink, A Fink, A Skating Rink: What Is a Noun? To Root, To Toot, To Parachute: What Is a Verb? Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What Is an Adjective? Under, Over, By The Clover: What is a Preposition?	Brian P Cleary	Carolrhoda	2003
Clara Caterpillar ("C" sounds) See Also: Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke Some Smug Slug The Worrywarts Rosie's Roses	Pamela Duncan Edwards	HarperCollins	2001
Word Wizard (Phonics)	Cathryn Falwell	Clarion Books	1998
The Sixteen Hand Horse (Figures of Speech)	Fred Gwynne		1980
A Little Pigeon Toad (Figures of Speech)	Simon & Schuster		1988
There's A Frog in my Throat:440 Little Animal Sayings A Little Bird Told Me (Figures of Speech)	Loreen Leedy & Pat Street	Holiday House	2003
A Triangle for Adaora: An African Book of Shapes	Ifeoma Onyefulu	Dutton/Penguin USA	2000
Punctuation Takes a Vacation (Rules of Punctuation)	Robin Pulver	Holiday House	2003
Chicken Soup With Rice: A Book of Months	Maurice Sendak	Harper	1962
I Saw a Bullfrog (Compound Words)	Ellen Stern	Random House	2003
Freezer Burn: Oxymorons & Other Contradictions...	LAINE VILENSKY ET AL	Ballentine	1991