

Alphabet Test

Purpose

The Alphabet Test measures children's recognition of letters and ability to provide the sounds they make.

Instructions

Give the child a copy of the alphabet test (p. 2) and say:

- "Look at these letters of the alphabet."
- "Can you put your finger on the first letter at the top of the page?"
- "What is its name?"
- "What sound does it make?"

Move to the next letter and repeat. Be sure that the letters are read left to right across the page. Do the upper case first because these tend to be easier for children.

Scoring of the alphabet test

Use the score sheet (p. 3) to record the child's responses and to note the letters that the child is confused about.

For names of letters, accept only the correct names, for example, C is cee.

For sounds, accept the most common sound, for example, for C it is /k/ and for G it is /g/, as in got. If the sound is not known, then you could also ask, "Can you tell me a word that starts with this sound?" For example, "go" for the letter g. Either is correct. If the child gives a word that begins with the sound, be sure to record the word.

Put a tick in the scoring column if correct, and if incorrect, be sure to record the error.

Score out of 26 for names and 26 for sounds.

B A I S C D F E P

T L M R Z J U H G

W X Q K V Y N O

r o n l m y t v k

p z i a j u s h b

c g w d f x q e

Alphabet Test Score Sheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Upper case	Names	Sounds	Lowercase	Names	Sounds
B			r		
A			o		
I			n		
S			l		
C			m		
D			y		
F			t		
E			v		
P			k		
T			p		
L			z		
M			i		
R			a		
Z			j		
J			u		
U			s		
H			h		
G			b		
W			c		
X			g		
Q			w		
K			d		
V			f		
Y			x		
N			q		
O			e		
Total/26			Total/26		