

Can you investigate letters and sounds with water?

Skills to Develop

- + Early literacy
- + Fine motor skills
- + Gross motor skills

Materials

- + Water
- + Spray bottle
- + Paint brush
- + Chalk
- + Containers
- + Plastic letters
- + Ladle

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

- 1. Alphabet Soup: Fill a large container with water and put plastic letters inside. Invite your child to use a ladle or large spoon to scoop letters from the large container and transfer them to smaller containers. Practice letter identification, letter sounds, or spell names by asking them to ladle specific letters into the small containers.
- 2. Spray Letters: Write the alphabet on the sidewalk using chalk. Invite your child to use a spray bottle filled with water to spray the shape of the letters. Practice letter identification by asking them to spray specific letters, or practice matching uppercase and lowercase letters by showing your child a lowercase letter and asking them to spray the uppercase version.
- **3.** Write with Water: Fill a small container with water and give your child a paintbrush. Invite them to write letters on the sidewalk using the paintbrush and water. You can also write letters yourself in chalk and invite children to trace over them using the water and paintbrush.

Extend the Fun

+ Adapt the activities to practice letter sounds or spelling your child's name.

