

Earth Day Letters & Beginning Sounds

Students practice beginning sounds and letter recognition by matching upper and lowercase letters with these Earth Day-themed picture cards. Featuring recycle bins with letters and bright blue recycle trucks with coordinating pictures, it's perfect for preschool and kindergarten.

Learning Objectives

Beginning Sounds and Letter Recognition – Students will identify uppercase and lowercase letters A-Z and their beginning sounds, reinforcing early literacy skills through hands-on practice.

Fine Motor Development – Students will develop fine motor skills as they handle, align, and match the cards. This activity supports hand-eye coordination and finger strength, essential for writing and other classroom tasks.

Preparation:

- **Print** the pages on standard paper or cardstock for durability.
- **Laminate** the sheets for reuse.
- **Cut** along the lines to create individual trucks, recycle bins, and clip cards.

How to Use:

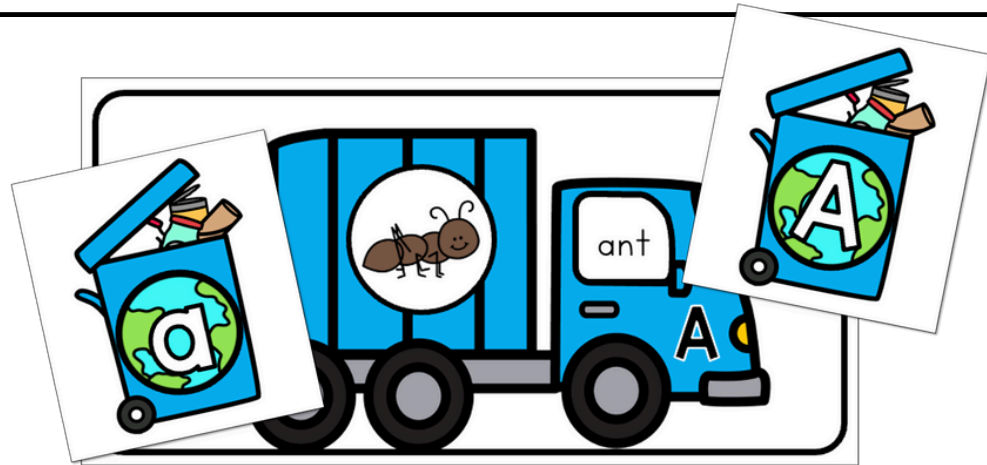
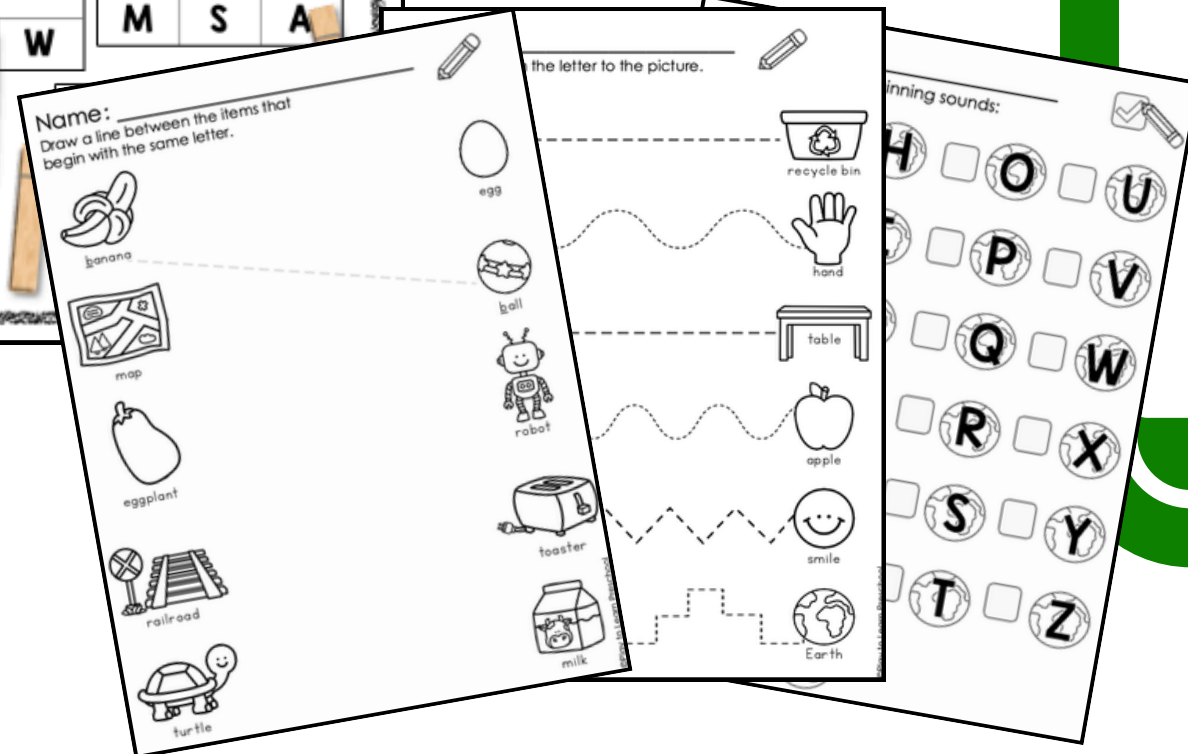
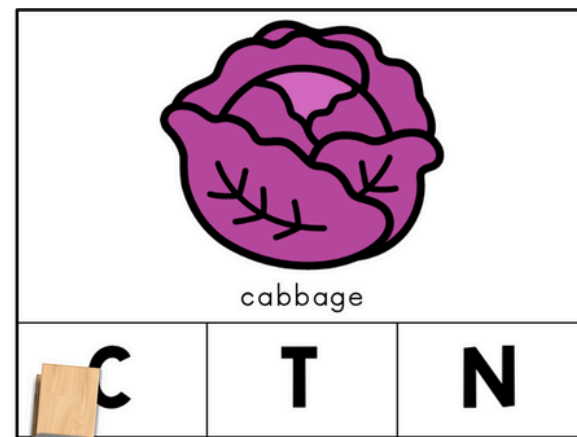
Letter Sounds - Lay out the recycle trucks in one area and the recycle bin letter cards in another. Students choose a bin and say the letter. Next, they search for the coordinating picture that begins with that letter and match it with that truck.

Clip Cards – Students look at the picture, say the word, then place a clip on the correct beginning letter.

Other Fun Uses:

- **Magnetic Board:** Place the truck cards on a magnetic bulletin board and affix magnets to the back of the recycle bin letter cards. Students choose a letter card and place it with the correct truck. Store letter cards in a basket nearby.

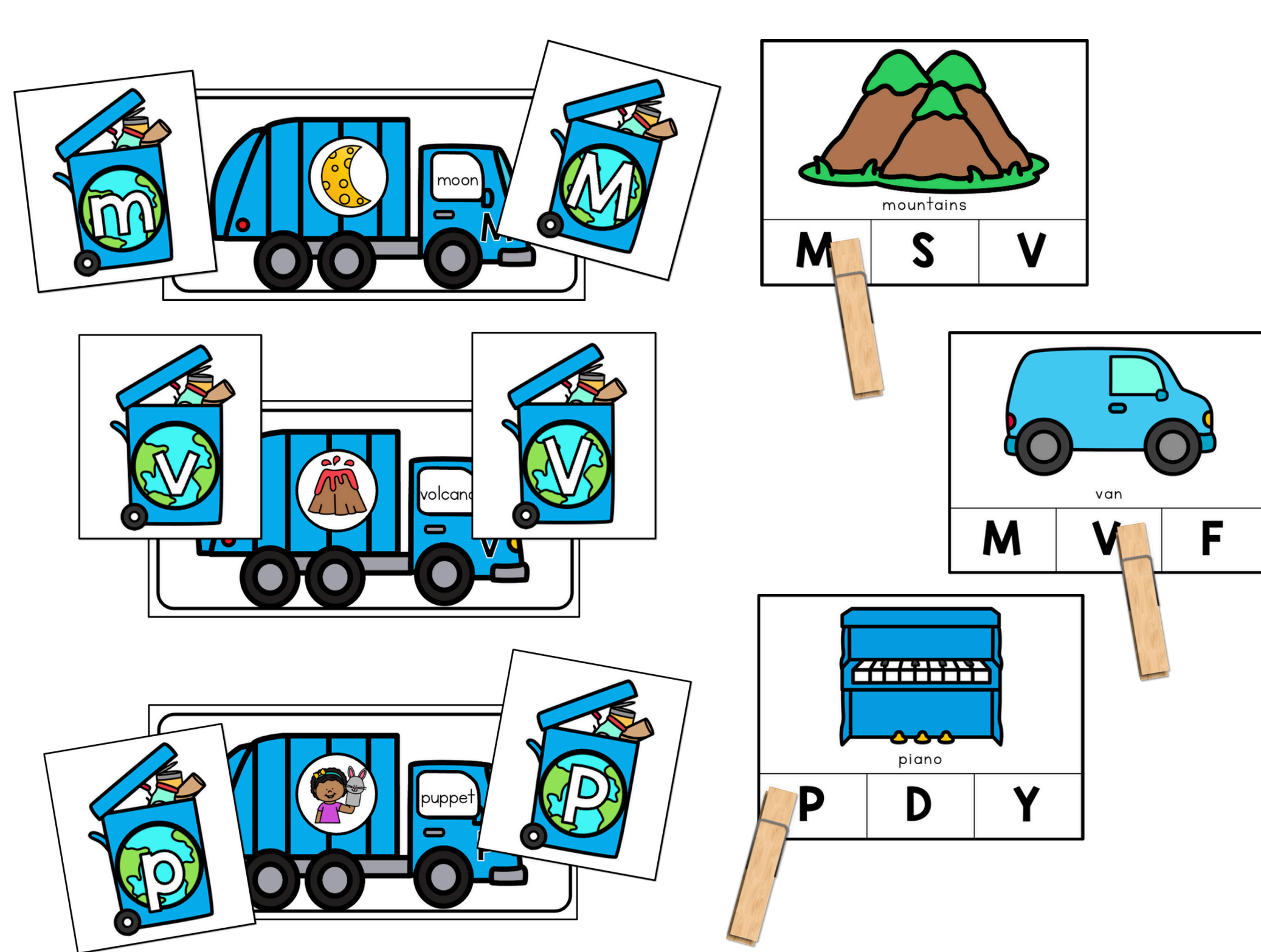
Helpful Tip: Choose the cards that match each student's first initial or the letter of the week. There's no need to complete all 26—use them as a targeted reinforcement activity.



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