

Summer Beginning Sounds

Children match pictures to beginning sounds and identify letters with this fun sandcastle-themed activity using letters, buckets, and shovels. 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 their 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 cards.

How to Use:

Lay out the sandcastle mats and the bucket and shovel picture cards in a pile next to them. Students choose a sandcastle and say the letter. Next, they search for the 2 coordinating picture cards with the matching letter. Once the matches are complete, they can move on to make another set. Set out the appropriate number of cards for your students.

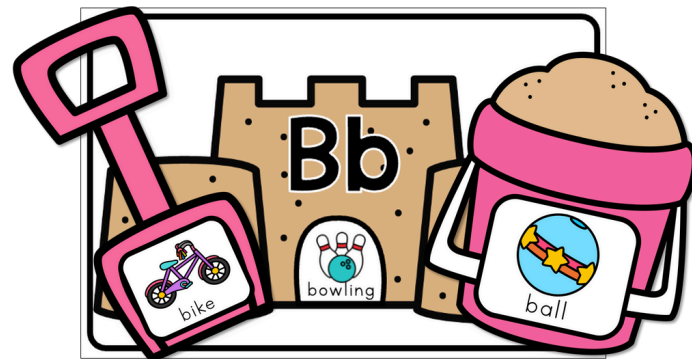
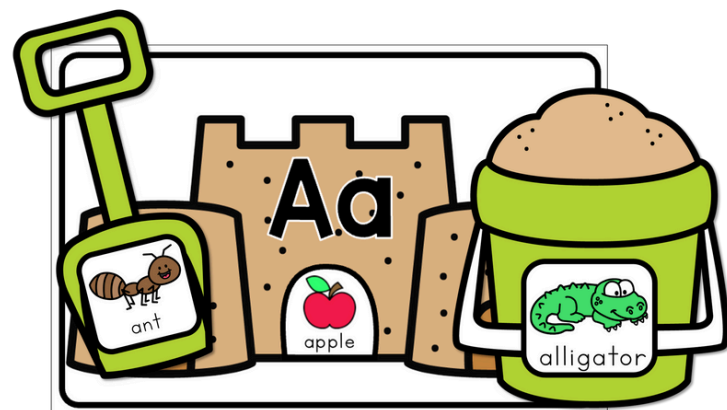
Other Fun Uses:

- **Sensory Bin Match:** Place laminated picture cards in a sensory bin filled with sand and have students search for them to match with the sandcastles.
- **Alphabetical Order:** Have students arrange the sandcastles in alphabetical order before matching them with the coordinating bucket and shovel.
- **Write and Match:** After finding the correct matches, have students write the uppercase and lowercase letters on a whiteboard next to the picture to practice letter formation.
- **Vertical Fun:** Affix the sandcastles to a magnetic bulletin board then affix magnets to the back of each shovel and bucket card. Place the cards in a basket below the sandcastles for students to match. **Use caution when using magnets with young children.**



Storage Tips:
Keep the cards in a small basket or on a tray for easy access. Store in a zippered bag when not in use.

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Name: _____

I matched these beginning sounds:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	B
<input type="checkbox"/>	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	J
<input type="checkbox"/>	M	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q	<input type="checkbox"/>	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	U	<input type="checkbox"/>	V
<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	Z







Name: _____

Circle the beginning letter of each picture. Color the pictures.

	S
	M
	B
	E
	L
	P
	D
	Q
	R

Name: _____

Draw a line between the things that begin with the same letter.

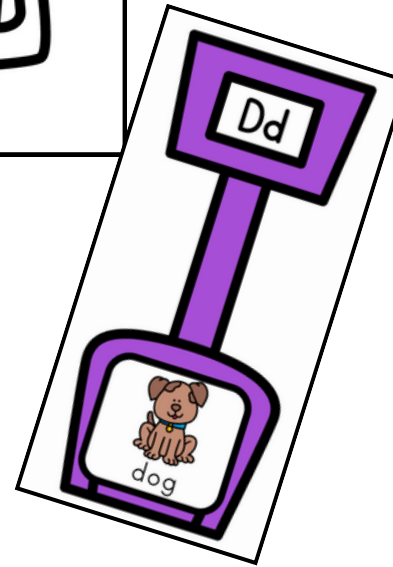
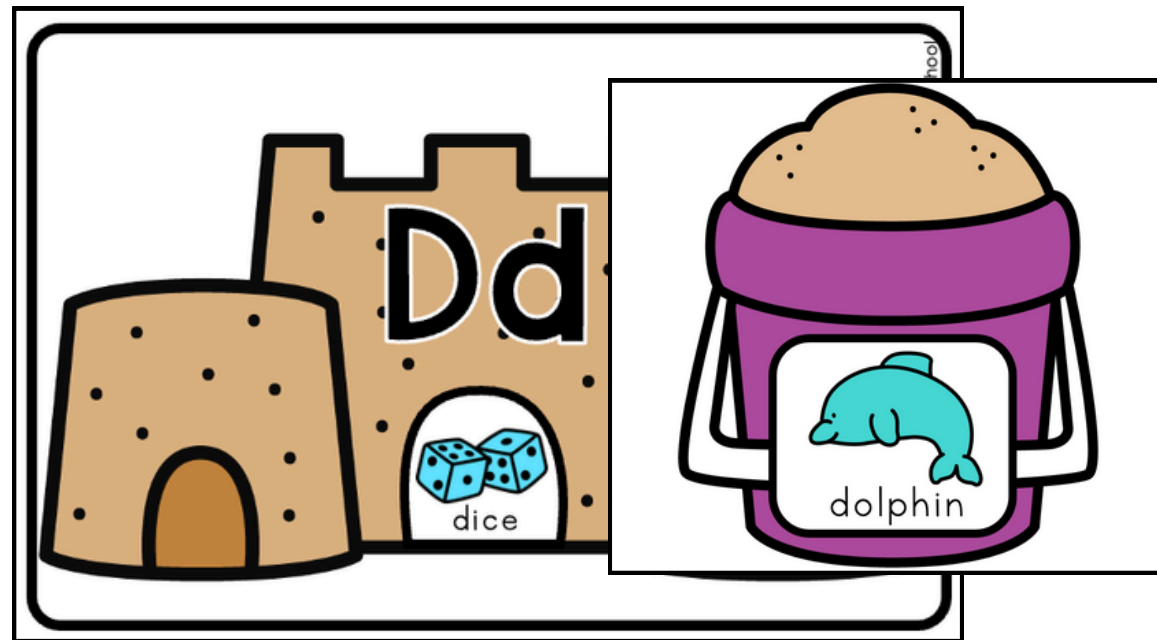
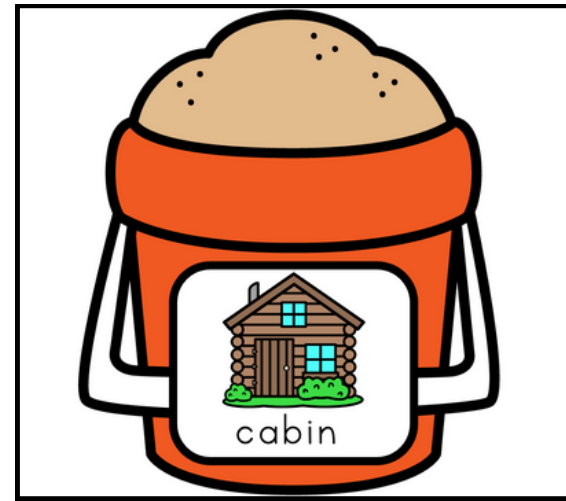
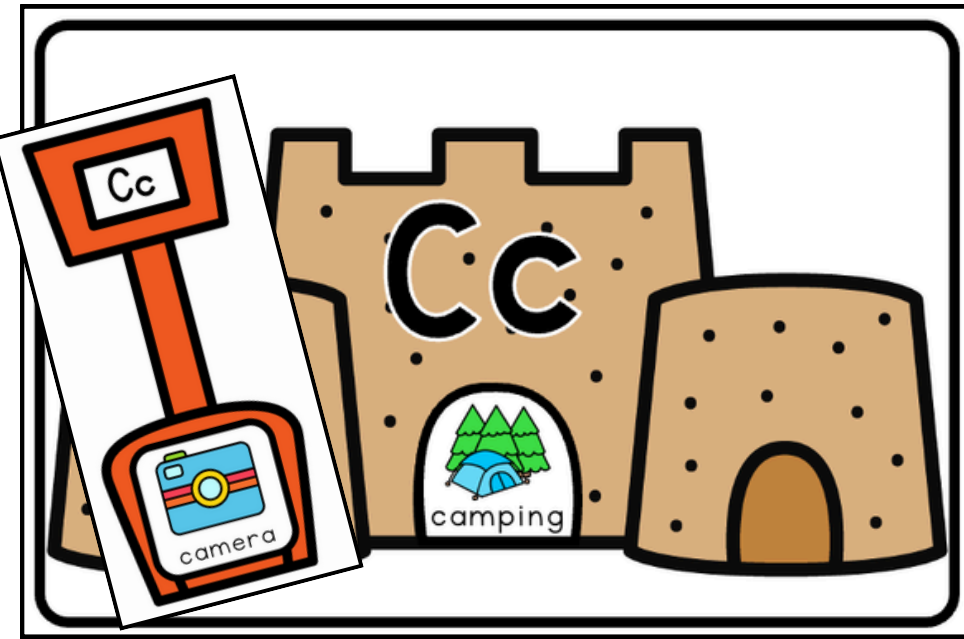
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“These activities are so easy to use! Just print, laminate, and cut!”



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“I have used these activities with my preschoolers as well as beginning-of-year kinders!”



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“The lessons were easy to follow. My students enjoyed the songs and activities.”



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