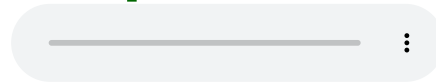


# March 2011 Song of the Month

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## The Alphabet Song



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[CLICK HERE](#) for my printable " Music and Early Literacy Connection".  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the sheet music (PDF)  
[DOWNLOAD](#) as an MP3 ([How to do it](#)).

**Letter knowledge** (being able to recognize, name, and know the sounds of letters) is one of the **six skills** children need before they can learn to read. Learning the alphabet is tricky business, since it's not a word; it's effectively gibberish until you master it! We all learn it the same way, by singing the ABC song. This works, because when the "words" are attached to a melody, our brains are able to recognize them as a pattern, which it's then able to remember. Music builds memory. How many times as an adult, have you tried to think of where a letter falls in the alphabet, only to find yourself humming or singing the song? The melody gives a context to the otherwise random string of sounds.

This month's song of the month is my version of the traditional Alphabet Song. I have slowed it down and extended the timing for the letters "l m n o p," to make it useful in the following situations:

### **For use by ESL teachers**

Students can look at letters in print while hearing each one clearly sung.

[CLICK HERE](#) for printable sheets with alphabet letters.

### **For use with ASL**

Preschoolers often learn to hand sign the alphabet, and this slower version allows time to form the letters. There are wonderful videos for ASL letter signs on [YouTube](#). Just type in "ASL letters" in their search box. [This is](#) a good basic one for starters.

### **For use with older toddlers and preschoolers**

Because the song is sung slowly, you can use a book with the printed letters of the alphabet and have time to touch each letter, including the ever elusive l-m-n-o-p (which many children think, at least for a while, is one letter!).

For more information on the music and early literacy connection, [CLICK HERE](#).

## The Alphabet Song

A, B, C, D, E, F, G;  
H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P  
Q R S, T U V,  
W X, Y and Z  
Now I know my abc's,  
Next time won't you sing with me

Here are links to additional free Songs of the Month that help reinforce letter knowledge:

[Apple and An Ant](#)

[JUMP!](#)

[Take a Walk Around the Room](#)

[BEARS](#)