



Make an alphabet beans game for learning letters and spelling words!

Alphabet Beans *matching game*

Directions: To create a set of alphabet beans for literacy play, use some ordinary, dry butter beans (sold in the bag at the supermarket). Write the letters of the alphabet on the beans, one letter to one bean, using a black Sharpie marker.

Then place the beans into a basket or bowl. Set up a mini-muffin tray filled with paper muffin cups. Inside each muffin cup, write a letter of the alphabet. The muffin cups can be in alphabetical order or mixed up for more of a challenge.



Kids can play the game and sound out each letter as they find and match it to the letter on the muffin cup.

Benefits of this game:

By making another few sets of each letter with more beans, they would be perfect for using to spell out small words, practice name writing or to select initial letter sounds to match objects. The beans are lovely and tactile, making a kinesthetic learning resource for other possible literacy games too. Adapt these for any stage of literacy development!

Suitable for children ages 2 to 8.

What children are learning as they play:

Literacy: Recognizing letters by name and sound (grapheme and phoneme), matching letters together by sight and by sound.

