

# Play games to teach letters and their sounds



Make learning words and letters irresistibly fun! To help your child solidify his knowledge of letters and the sounds that they make, play these games together:

- **Go Fish.** Play the classic card game with letters. Choose some letters that your child knows and write each one on four different index cards (you will have four of each letter). Shuffle and deal five cards to each player. Put the rest of the deck face down on the table. Take turns asking each other for cards, saying the sound the letter makes: “Do you have the letter C?” If the answer is *no*, pick a card from the deck. Each time you make a pair, set it aside. Whoever gets rid of their cards first wins.
- **Supermarket.** Put three large paper bags on the floor. Write a letter on the front of each bag. Gather



items in your home that begin with these letters. Then challenge your child to place each item in the correct bag.

- **Packing for a trip.** Pretend your family is going on a trip. Say, “I’m going on a trip and I’m bringing ... ,” then name something that starts with the letter a, such as *apple*. The next player says, “I’m going on a trip and I’m bring an *apple* and a *ball*.” Continue through the alphabet, emphasizing the sounds of the letters.