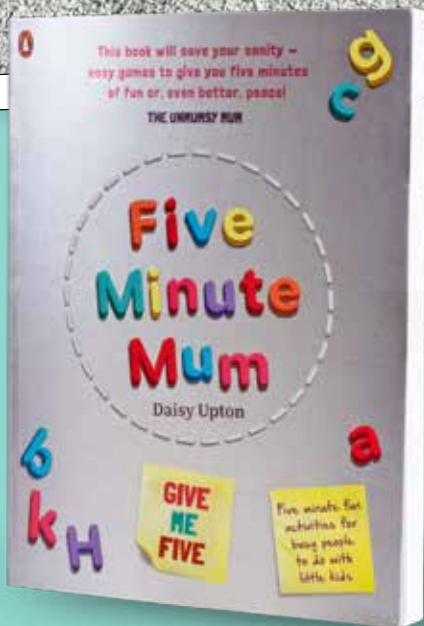


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For those of you who follow me on social media, this will be very familiar! Every summer, when there is a month left before school begins again, I play Letter of the Day with my kiddies.

I originally started this the year Ewan was beginning school as a way to gently get a bit of daily learning into our routine that would prepare him for his new environment and way of life. Each morning, we chose a letter of the alphabet from a bag, and played a little five-minute game with it. We also had a go at writing it down. I included a wee treat after we had played with our letter each day, sort of like a back-to-school advent calendar.

Ewan really loved it. When the day came to wave him off at the classroom door, I really felt like I'd given him the best possible chance at nailing his first year. Here's how you can do it too.

## GRAB:

- all the letters of the alphabet in any form – wooden, foam, magnetic or cut out the letters we've provided
- a box or bag to put the letters in
- a pen and some paper
- a little bag of treats (optional)

## TO SET UP . . .

1. Pop all the letters in the box or bag.
2. Leave them somewhere that you can use them every day.

## TO PLAY . . .

1. Each morning, let your child choose a letter from the box or bag. Tell them the name of the letter and the sound it makes. (For more about letters and sounds, see page 172.) Have fun saying it in silly ways together. What voices can they do?
2. Now have a go at writing the letter. You write it first, then let your child copy. Do the upper-case and lower-case forms of the letter.
3. Next, try to find something in the house that starts with the letter or has that letter sound in it. For example, for H you might find a hat, but a 'box' for X is also good as long as you emphasize how the sound is at the end of the word.
4. Now let your little one draw a picture of what they found.
5. After this we sometimes also do a little activity with our letter. If you want to, you can give your child one of the treats after you've finished.

# LOWER CASE ALPHABET



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# UPPER CASE ALPHABET



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