

Have your child select a symbol (you could use a set of stickers for example) that starts with the same letter and sound as your child's name as well as other family members names. For example, Maria Monkey, Alex Apple, Lulu Lion, Mom Muffin, Dad Dinosaur, Tomas Tree etc. Then, activities can be planned that give your child opportunities to recognize the letters in their name and the sounds they make. **These activities give your child practice in letter knowledge, letter recognition, name recognition and phonemic awareness.**

**Find Your Name** Place all the family names (pets too if you want) with their linked symbol face up on the table or floor where your child easily reach. Have your child find theirs. Ask them to say the name and name the corresponding object and make the first sound. Next they can repeat this with the other family member's names.

**Name Grab Bag** Put all the family names with their symbols in a bag or basket. Ask your child to pull one out and decide whose name it is.

**Names Memory Game** Make a double set of family names with symbols. Place them on the table or floor face down. Your child turns over a card and says the name and sound. The card is left face up and turns continue until a match is found.

**Find the Name** Place the family's names with symbols on the base of a wooden puzzle under each puzzle piece. Children take turns removing a piece and identifying whose name is underneath.

**Name Movement Game** Spread large letter links on the floor. Play music and when the music stops call out a name and have your child find that name.

**Matching Letters to Names** Give children plastic, wood or foam alphabet letters and have them select the letters that correspond to their name.

**Letter Link Song** Make up a song such as:  
(Sung to tune of Frère Jacques: <https://youtu.be/6-JoTos8-oE>)

Ruby robot, Ruby robot

R-R-R (make r sound) 2X

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