

# Cars and Trucks from A to Z

by Richard Scarry

Familiar characters and creative illustrations combine in a board book format to help young readers learn letter recognition and letter sounds while discovering a new word filled with corn cars and even a shoemobile.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What letter does your favorite car or truck start with?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if that worm is going to work?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end.

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What vehicle started with the letter A? B? C?
- Which letter did the delivery van start with? Egg Truck? Fire Truck? Garbage Truck?
- What other kinds of vehicles were in the story?
- Which vehicle was your favorite?

## Do

### Alphabet Cars

Print off the *Alphabet Car* sheet and allow the children to choose which letter they would like to represent with their own car. If desired, give the children stickers, magazine cutouts, stencils or other materials that will aid them in creating their own alphabet car.

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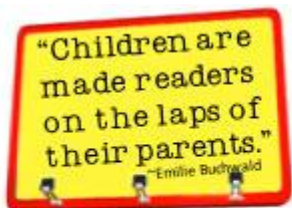
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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# My Alphabet Car

Choose a letter from the alphabet, write the letter in the blank provided and draw a picture of a vehicle that starts with that letter sound.

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