

# Introduction

Are you ready for an animal adventure?

*Lowercase Letter Crafts* can be used independently or as a supplemental activity book for *All About Reading* Pre-reading.

Cut and paste your way through the alphabet in three easy steps.

- 1** Choose a letter and remove the appropriate activity pages. There are two pages for each letter: a letter page and a page with small pieces to cut out.
- 2** Cut out the colored pieces. Have your student glue them on the appropriate empty spaces on the letter page. If desired, your student can use markers or crayons to add a background to the letter page.
- 3** Read the letter's Four Facts and explore the additional activities listed on pages 5-9.

When your student finishes all the letters, compile them into a book! Place the completed crafts in order and add the cover page (see page 11). Then make holes with a 3-hole punch, tie the book together with yarn, and enjoy!

Alternatively, slip the letters into clear page protectors and place in a binder.

## Materials List

- glue stick
  - scissors
- Optional:**
- 1-hole punch
  - aluminum foil
  - brown felt
  - construction paper
  - cotton balls
  - cotton swabs
  - craft feathers
  - craft paint
  - craft sticks
  - crayons
  - glitter
  - liquid glue
  - markers
  - pipe cleaners
  - plastic forks
  - playdough
  - pompoms
  - red paint dauber
  - sand
  - toothpicks
  - googly eyes
  - watercolor paint
  - yarn

# Additional Letter Activities

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## Letter A

- Add a googly eye to the anteater.
- Create an ant trail by dipping a cotton swab in paint and dabbing it below the anteater.
- Build the letter a with playdough.
- Read the picture book *What Does an Anteater Eat?* by Ross Collins.
- Snack on some apple slices, apricots, or animal crackers.

## Letter D

- Add googly eyes to the dragonfly.
- Make the wings shimmer by gluing glitter on them.
- Build the letter d with pompoms.
- Read the picture book *The Garden Creatures of Fairfax Lane: The Dipping Dragonfly* by Lanna Breetzke.
- Snack on some dill pickles, vegetable dip, or dumplings.

## Letter B

- Add googly eyes to the badger.
- Add a moon by cutting a circle out of aluminum foil and gluing it to the page.
- Build the letter b with pipe cleaners.
- Read the picture book *Bedtime for Frances* by Russell Hoban.
- Snack on some bananas, biscuits, or blueberries.

## Letter E

- Add googly eyes to the elk.
- Create fur by dipping a bundle of five cotton swabs in brown paint and dabbing it on the dark brown part of the elk.
- Build the letter e with yarn.
- Read the picture book *Deer, Moose, Elk, and Caribou!* by Deborah Hodge.
- Snack on some eggs or eggplant.

## Letter C

- Add googly eyes to the cow.
- To create grass, dip a plastic fork in green paint and press it against the bottom of the page.
- Build the letter c with yarn.
- Read the picture book *I'll Love You Till the Cows Come Home* by Kathryn Cristaldi.
- Snack on some carrots, cucumbers, or cauliflower.

## Letter F

- Add a googly eye to the flamingo.
- Glue a pink feather to the flamingo's tail. Add some water with watercolor paint.
- Create the letter f with pompoms.
- Read the picture book *Sylvie* by Jennifer Sattler.
- Snack on some fruit, figs, or french fries.

## Letter Y

- Add googly eyes to the yellow-bellied weasel.
- Create fur by dipping a bundle of five cotton swabs in brown paint and dabbing it on the weasel's body.
- Build the letter y with playdough.
- Read the picture book *Never Tease a Weasel* by Jean Conder Soule.
- Snack on yogurt or yams.

## Letter Z

- Add googly eyes to the zebu.
- To create grass, dip a plastic fork in green paint and press it against the bottom of the craft page.
- Build the letter z with pompoms.
- Read the picture book *Armadillo to Zebu* by Jeffery Brunner.
- Snack on zucchini, ziti noodles, or zwieback toast.

# Activity Tips

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Reinforce pre-reading skills with these ideas!

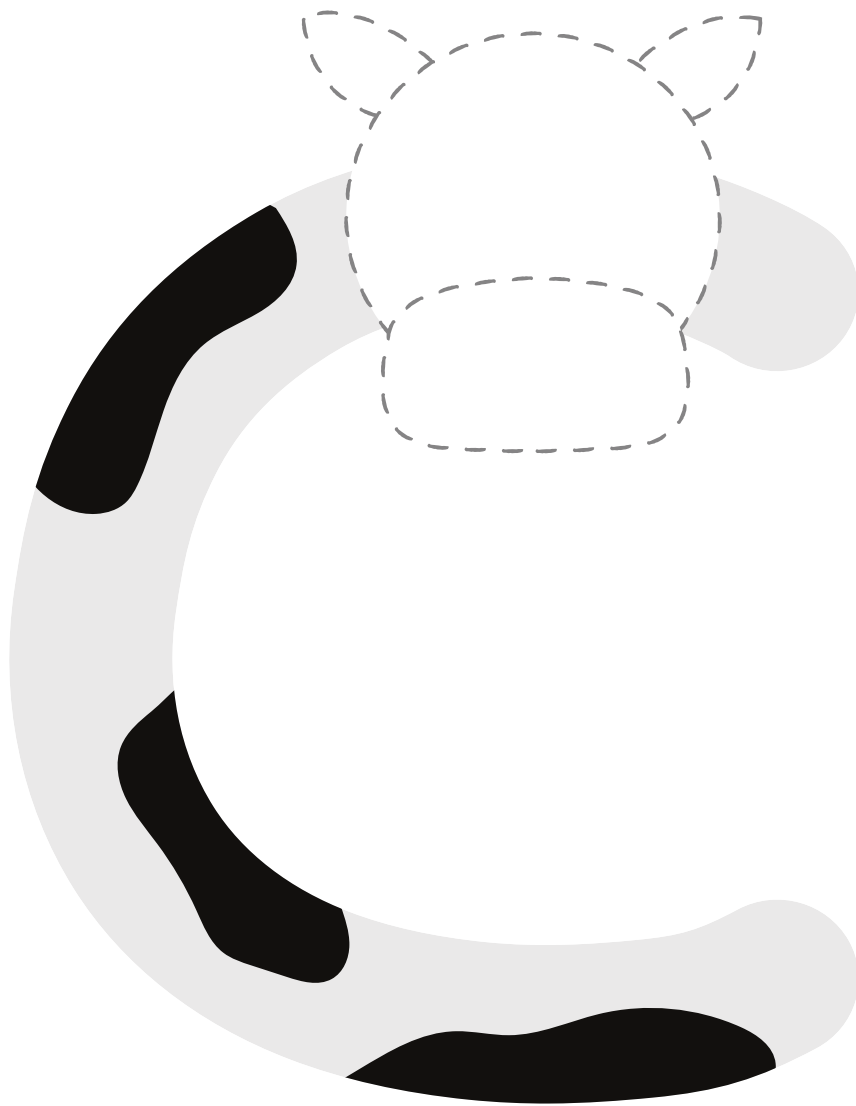
- Discuss the first letter of each craft name. For example: "A is for Anteater ... *Anteater* starts with the letter A!"
- Emphasize the first sound of the craft title: "Z...z...zebu. *Zebu* starts with /z/!"
- Encourage your student to help gather the necessary craft supplies as you read aloud from the list on page 4.
- Search for the featured letter in other places: on your craft supplies, in the mail, or on road signs.
- Share your own enthusiasm for making crafts! Let your student see that it's exciting to be able to read and create crafts together.
- After you read the Four Facts section about each animal, have your student search the facts for the featured letter. If you wish, the student may circle them.

# My Book of Lowercase Letters



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# C is for Cow



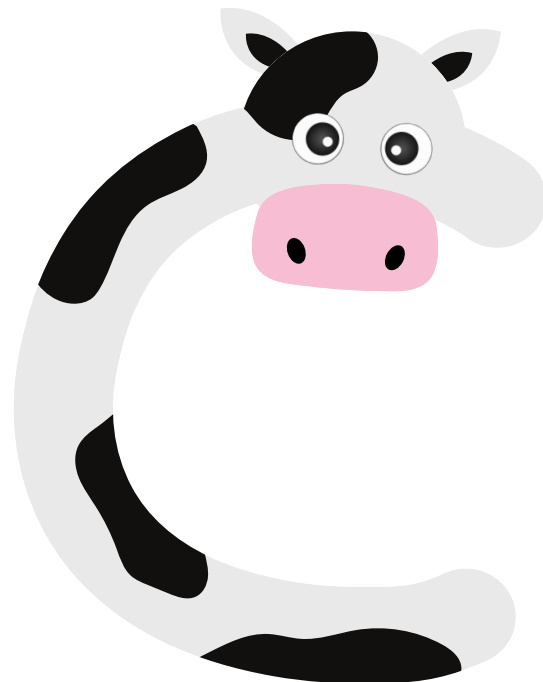
# Four Facts

**With** my big eyes, I can see almost all the way around me.

I chew grass up to eight hours a day!

I would rather hang out with my friends than be alone.

I can sleep standing up  
(and I don't fall down)!





# D is for Dragonfly



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# Four Facts

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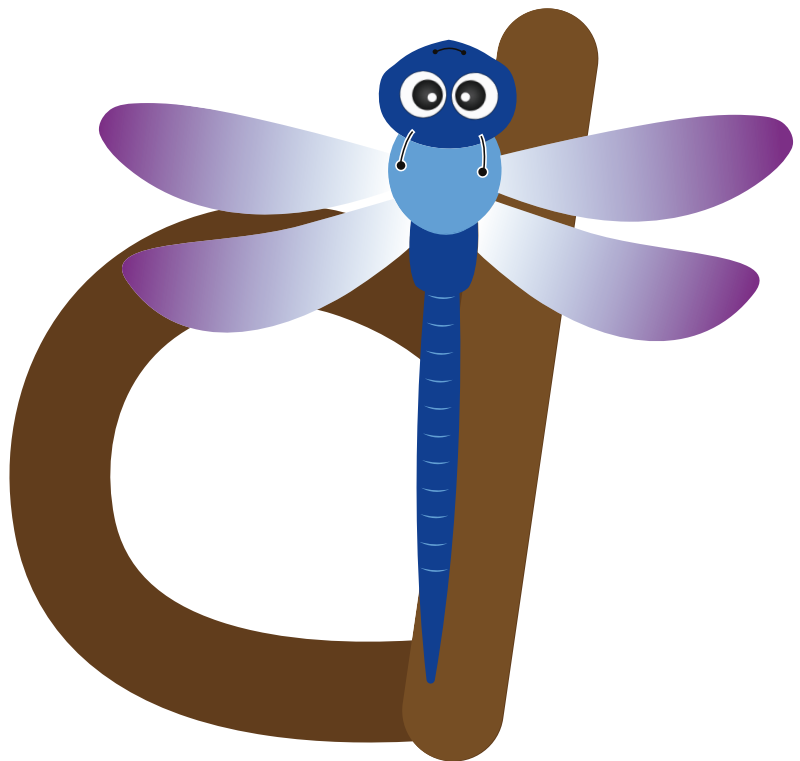
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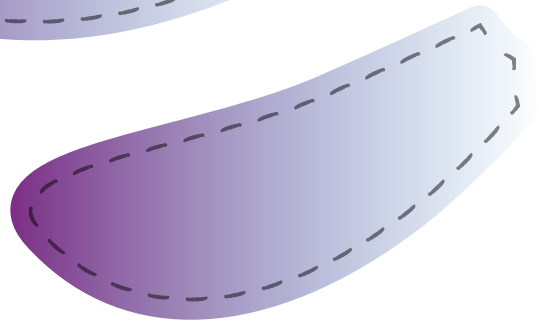
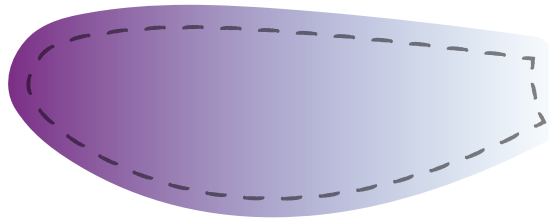
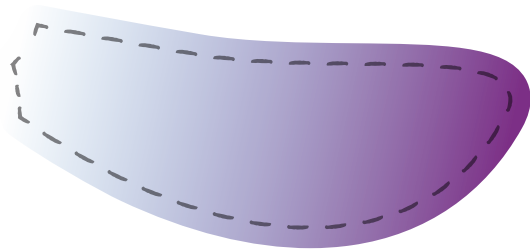
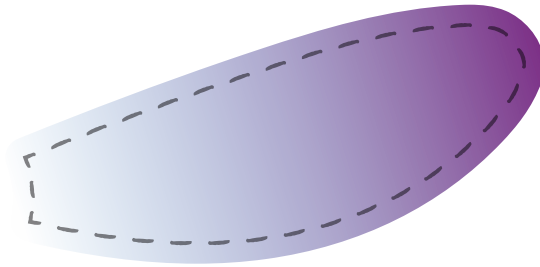
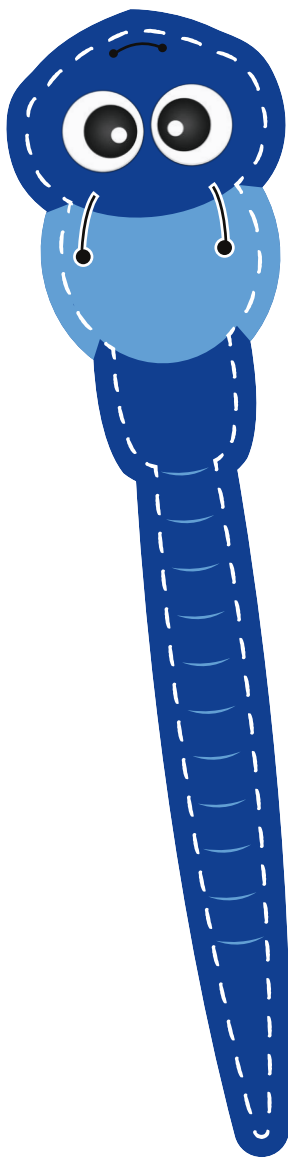
I lived with dinosaurs a long, long time ago.

I catch my dinner with my feet—mid-air!

I can fly up, down, backward, and forward—or just hover like a helicopter.

When I get hot, I  
stand on my head  
to cool down.





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