



Eric Carle's ABC

About this book:

A. B. C. D. Unfold the full-page flaps to reveal an ant, bear, camel, and duck! Eric Carle's illustrated alphabet and animals make learning your ABCs as easy as . . . well, A, B, C!

Birth- 1 year old:

- Show the child the bright colors of the animals in the book.
- Prompt the child to pronounce the animal names.
- Encourage the child to make the animal sounds.
- Allow the child to assist by turning the pages, opening the flaps.
- Talk about the animal colors.
- Sing the alphabet song.

2-4 years old:

- Ask questions: What was this book about? Can you name an animal from the story? Ask the child if he/she has ever seen any of the animals before, and if so where? Evaluate their responses.
- Extend the child's responses by making animal sounds, or asking questions like "Is this the animal with the short curly tail or the long tail?"
- Identify both upper and lower case letters, discuss alphabetic order, and discuss characteristics of each animal.
- Review by allowing the child to repeat the names of animals by looking and discussing their characteristics.
- Point and name letters.
- Practice writing letters.