

# Wacky words

## Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Cut out some large print letters from newspapers or magazines.
- ❖ Use some letters to make a word your child knows, e.g. "Mom," "stop," "go," or the child's name.
- ❖ Glue the word onto a sheet of paper.
- ❖ Ask your child which word he or she would like to make next.
- ❖ Help your child find the letters needed to make the next word.

## A good read-together book



**Word Wizard** by Cathryn Falwell

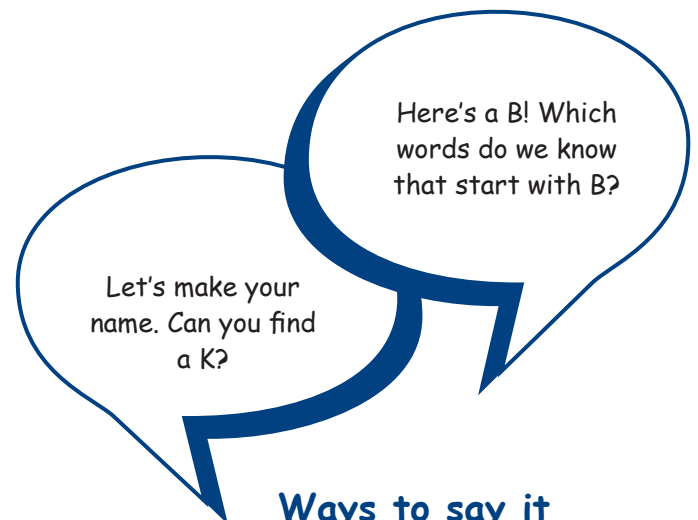
You will need scissors, paper, glue and old newspapers or magazines.

This activity is good for learning letters, connecting letters to sounds, and helping children identify the same letter in different forms and colours.



## Hints for success

- ❖ Begin the activity with only a few different letters. Choose letters bigger than the width of your thumb.
- ❖ Cut out letters which form words your child already knows.
- ❖ Start with capital letters first, because they are less confusing for young children.



## Ways to say it

# More ideas for Wacky words

## Try this way

- ❖ Choose one letter. Talk about the letter: its shape, its name, and the sound it makes at the beginning of a word. Find the same letter in different sizes, shapes and colours. Cut them out and glue them all onto a sheet of paper.
- ❖ Make a list of several words that start with the same letter. Cut out some examples of the beginning letter. Glue the letters onto a sheet of paper, and print the rest of each word with coloured markers.
- ❖ Invite your child to choose a favourite word. Find the letters for the word, cut them out and glue them onto a sheet of paper. Then find a picture to match the word, and glue it next to the word.



## An Alphabet

A was once an apple pie,  
Pidy Widy Tidy Pidy  
Nice insidy  
Apple Pie!

B was once a little bear,  
Beary! Wary! Hairly! Beary!  
Taky cary!  
Little Bear!

C was once a little cake,  
Caky Baky Maky Caky  
Taky Caky,  
Little Cake!

D was once a little doll,  
Dolly Molly Polly Nolly  
Nursy Dolly  
Little Doll!

## Writing

Ask your child to think of a simple message you could write with letters from a newspaper or magazine. Write out the message on a piece of paper. Then look for all the letters you need to make the message. Cut them out and glue them onto a sheet of paper. Read the message together.

## Book link

ABC of Canada by Kim Bellefontaine

Edward Lear