



# Get Kindergarten Ready at OC Public Libraries Language: Letters and Sounds



**B is for Baby by Atinuke (2019).** Little ones learning about language will love sounding out the words in this playful, vibrantly illustrated story set in West Africa.

**LMNO Peas by Keith Baker (2010).** Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist in this fun alphabet book.

**I Yam a Donkey! by Cece Bell (2015).** This humorous introduction to the different tenses of the auxiliary verb "to be" invites children to play with the smaller sounds in words.

**Old MacDonald Had a Farm by James Dean (2014).** Pete the cat learns the sounds of the different farm animals in this twist on a classic song.

**Honk! Splat! Vroom! by Barry Gott (2018).** Narrated in onomatopoeia, five mice in race cars compete in an off-road race but surviving course obstacles will require teamwork--and a goose.

**Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett (2005).** Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.

**Swing by Michael Hall (2020).** Tension rises as four very different letters arrive at the playground. Will they be able to get along?

**There Was a Tree by Rachel Isadora (2012).** A favorite children's song, "The Green Grass Grew All Around," becomes a colorful book filled with African wildlife. XP 782.42

**Babies on the Bus by Karen Katz (2011).** New verses can be sung and acted out together as you share this variation on a popular, playful song.

**Eeek! A Noisy Journey from A to Z by Julie Larios (2020).** A boisterous trip through the alphabet—letter by letter and sound by noisy sound!

**Mine! by Jeff Mack (2017).** This text invites participation with its repetition and simplicity as two mice argue with increasing heat over their mutual border, until someone bigger intervenes.

**Say Hello Like This! by Mary Murphy (2014).** This lively split-page-format book shows how animals say hello with different sounds.

**Yum! Yuck!: A Foldout Book of People Sounds by Linda Sue Park (2005).** Energetic art and a lift-the-flap feature make exploring languages fun. XP 418 PARK L

**The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds (2018).** Jerome enjoys collecting and using words that he hears, reads, or sees, and then decides to share his collection with others.

**Roar, Roar, Growl, Growl: Sounds from the Jungle by Jennifer Shand (2020).** Transition young readers from board books to picture books with this interactive story featuring sounds from the jungle.

**The Invisible Alphabet by Joshua David Stein (2020).** Illustrations and simple text provide readers with an opportunity to build vocabulary and letter knowledge as they examine each picture.

**Wheels by Sally Sutton (2020).** If the vehicle is on wheels, it's likely to show up in this lively picture book inviting children to join in at every page turn.

**What Can You Do with a Paleta? by Carmen Tafolla (2009).** A young Mexican American girl celebrates the paleta, an icy fruit popsicle, and the many roles it plays in her lively barrio.

**Animal Talk: Mexican Folk Art Animals Sounds in English and Spanish by Cynthia Weill (2016).** The bilingual text invites parent and child into an interactive reading experience for acting out animal sounds in English and Spanish.

**Look by Fiona Woodcock (2018).** Focusing on sounds made by the letter 'O,' a brother and sister go to the zoo, see kangaroos and baboons, and get to bring home balloons.



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