

# Meet the alphabet

**Grouping:** Whole group activity  
**What's involved:** Word-play, physical activity and humour  
**Where:** Hall or playground  
**What to do:**

**1** Ask the pupils to use their bodies to make the following letter shapes. Give them the choice of being a capital or lower-case letter – whichever they think is easier: A, P, T, F, B, D, S, W, H, I, L, C and M.

**2** Ask pupils to choose one of the letters they just made and to think of an adjective or verb that starts with that letter. If they chose A, they might be an 'angry A' or an 'agreeing A'. Ask everyone to make the letter shape and behave the way the adjective describes them, or do the verb they chose. They can say words to help to present their adjective.

**3** With pupils who struggle to think up ideas, use the table below to make suggestions:

**4** Explain to the pupils that they are going to move around the room meeting and greeting other letters. When they meet another letter, they are going to introduce themselves, for example, 'Hi, I'm Angry A', and 'Hi, I'm Fussy F – please wash your hands before shaking mine'. Then pupils can swap identities, so Angry A becomes Fussy F and vice versa. Pupils then move on to introduce themselves and swap identities with someone else. This usually causes considerable laughter as it is quite challenging – especially when it comes to maintaining the letter shapes!

### Variations and/or extensions:

Pupils could try to include every letter of the alphabet – although this is quite tricky!

A P T F

Letter Possible adjectives

Letter	Possible adjectives
A	angry, angelic, annoying, awake, asleep, asking, awkward, alert, avoiding, answering, agreeable, adventurous, arguing
P	proper, panicky, perfect, prickly, precious, proud, purring, pecking, pining, popping, painting, peeling, playful, patting, phoning
T	tall, tired, thirsty, thoughtful, tough, talkative, terrifying, thanking, trotting, twisting
F	fussy, furious, flippant, fiery, fidgety, fast, foolish, friendly, funny, forgetful, frying, full-up, fit, floating, folding
B	bouncy, bubbly, brilliant, balancing, boiling, brave, broken, begging, blinking, boasting, boring, bowing, buzzing
D	dirty, damp, dusty, dizzy, dangerous, digging, damaged, dancing, disagreeable, doubting, dreamy, dripping
S	silly, slippery, sticky, silent, scary, sharp, shivering, selfish, sulking, sore, strong, staring, sorry, scratching, snoring, skipping, sneezing, smiling, shocked, sighing, spoilt, squeaky, stretching
W	wiggly, wobbly, weak, wise, worried, wooden, waiting, watching, wandering, whistling, whining, waving, winking, whispering
H	horrid, happy, heavy, hurting, healthy, helpful, hilarious, hollow, hot, hungry, hassled, haunting, hopeful, hovering, hurrying, hunting
I	icy, itchy, incredible, ill, invisible, imagining, ignoring, interrupting
L	lonely, limp, loud, lively, lucky, leaning, lost, laughing, listening
C	cold, clumsy, comfortable, calm, confused, crazy, cool, cheerful, charming, chewing, clapping, complaining, copying, coughing, crying, cross
M	melting, moaning, muddled, modern, marching