



**Strong Start to reading™**  
"Making a difference in the life of a child"



### What you need:

Building materials of any kind  
Pencil and paper (optional)

### Playing the Game:

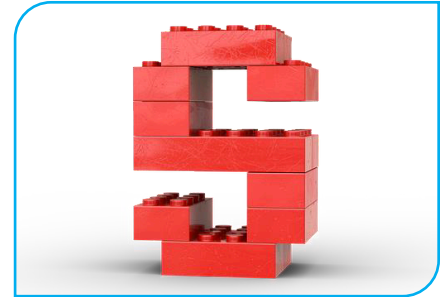
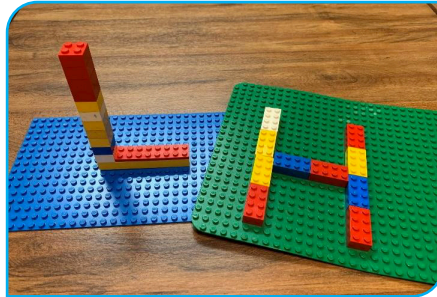


### Learning Connections:

This activity provides opportunities to

- develop a knowledge of the letters of the alphabet including the sounds they make.
- develop an awareness that words are made up of sounds.
- automatically read and understand some high-frequency words.
- develop an interest in writing.
- develop control of small muscles.

## Building Letters and Words



1. Use the building materials to make letters or words. You can use a model of a letter or word from print.
2. Name the letter, the sound it makes or read the word.
3. Make several letters or words to build words or sentences.
4. Can your child write the letter or word they've made?
5. Challenge your child to find different materials that they can use to build letters and words. What can they find around the house to make letters and words?
6. How many different ways can they build a letter? What different materials can they use to build the letter M, the first letter in their name, or words they see in their home or outside, for example?



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