

ABC Strips: The Easy Way to Alphabetize – Grades 1–2

Alphabetize the easy way with ABC Strips from Handwriting Without Tears®. The ABC Strip shows letters in beginning, middle, and end groups. It also shows bold vowels **a e i o u y** in ABC order.

Materials

- Word list to alphabetize
- 1 ABC Strip per student (See pages 2 and 3 for ABC Strips printout and double line paper.)

ABC Strip sample

a b c d **e** f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t **u** v w x **y** z

Directions

Step 1 Start with a word list. Underline the first letter of each word on the list and the ABC Strip. If more than one word starts with the same letter, underline that letter again on the strip.	Step 2 Use the underlined letters on the ABC Strip to make a first letter list in ABC order. If a letter has more than one underline, write it twice.	Step 3 Finish each word. If the first letters are the same, order by the second letter. Your words are now in alphabetical order!
1. <u>m</u> y 2. <u>d</u> o 3. <u>r</u> un 4. <u>w</u> e 5. <u>b</u> e 6. <u>d</u> ay 7. <u>m</u> e 8. <u>p</u> ut 9. <u>n</u> o 10. <u>r</u> ed	1. b 2. d 3. d 4. m 5. m 6. n 7. p 8. r 9. r 10. w	1. be 2. day 3. do 4. me 5. my 6. no 7. put 8. red 9. run 10. we

Word Lists

Got a list to alphabetize? ABC Strips work with any spelling curriculum, workbook, paper, or list. Need a list? Try one below.

Words with Long Vowels

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| 1. pay | 1. fly |
| 2. ate | 2. we |
| 3. read | 3. free |
| 4. bead | 4. pie |
| 5. sigh | 5. say |
| 6. high | 6. bow |
| 7. no | 7. so |
| 8. low | 8. use |
| 9. few | 9. wait |
| 10. blue | 10. you |

Technology Words

- mouse
- text
- audio
- cursor
- plug
- font
- click
- open
- paste
- save

More Words

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. online | 1. keyboard |
| 2. down | 2. pass |
| 3. laptop | 3. desktop |
| 4. high | 4. website |
| 5. username | 5. headphone |
| 6. on | 6. key |
| 7. download | 7. head |
| 8. user | 8. password |
| 9. highlight | 9. web |
| 10. lap | 10. desk |

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