

ABC Word Hunt

Students compare first and second letters, then find and trace words in a dictionary.

1.2.E "alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter and use a dictionary to find words; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 ABC ORDER _____

a	map	sun	ant
b	cub	cat	cup
c	bat	bun	big

2 DICTIONARY HUNT _____

hen	h e n
jam	j a m

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each word row aloud and pause for students to circle one word. Give students a child-friendly dictionary for Part 2 and help them turn to the correct beginning-letter pages. This sheet checks whether students can use the first letter, then the second letter when needed, to work in ABC order.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • ABC ORDER

SAY “In the first row, listen for the word that comes first by its first letter. In the next two rows, all the words begin with the same letter, so listen to the second letter. Can you circle one word in each row?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: map, sun, ant. Which word comes first in ABC order? Can you circle it?	ant
b	Listen: cub, cat, cup. Which word comes first in ABC order? Can you circle it?	cat
c	Listen: bat, bun, big. Which word comes first in ABC order? Can you circle it?	bat

PART 2 • DICTIONARY HUNT

SAY “Can you find hen in the dictionary and trace hen in the box beside it? Can you find jam in the dictionary and trace jam in the box beside it?”

- Box 1 (beside hen): **hen**
- Box 2 (beside jam): **jam**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept circles around ant, cat, and bat, in that order by row. In Part 2, accept legible tracing of hen and jam after students locate the words in the dictionary.