

# G is for Garden: Alphabet Fun

FIRST GRADE

Students study the alphabet in the garden and create a useful learning tool to hang inside the classroom. This simple project will allow students to bring treasures from the garden back indoors as they create an alphabet strip to hang inside the classroom. Students use their observation skills and make the alphabet relatable in a fun setting.

## SUBJECT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ARTS/ART

## TIME

30 MIN - 45 MIN

## MATERIALS

A book from the  
Garden Library

White cardstock, 1  
sheet per student

Crayons or colored  
pencils, an assortment  
of colors to share

Clipboards, 1 per  
student

Alphabet suggestion  
guide, 1 copy

## DIRECTIONS

- Visit the garden by yourself before the lesson and make sure there are multiple opportunities for students to find a garden feature that starts with letters of the alphabet. Use the suggestion sheet as a guide.
- Find a shady spot and read aloud a book from the Garden Library. Have students share ideas of things in the garden that start with each letter.
- Pass out clipboards and cardstock and assign each student a letter of the alphabet and ask them to find one item in the garden that starts with that letter. Students assigned an unusual letter like Q or Z might need extra help.
- Tell students they will be drawing a picture of the garden item. Once students find their alphabet item, ask them to take a mental snapshot or find a place to sit near the item.
- Next, direct students to write their assigned letter on the cardstock in capital form and big in size.
- After drawing the large letter on the cardstock, have students draw a picture of the item they found.
- Finally, have students finish by making their pictures as colorful as possible.
- Collect all drawings and hang them on the wall.

## SOURCE

*Adapted from:*

- Growing Minds Farm to School | [Garden Alphabet](#)



# Alphabet Suggestion Guide

<b>A</b> Aloe Ant Aphid Apple Asparagus Avocado	<b>B</b> Basil Beatle Bee Blossom Blue Broccoli Bush Butterfly	<b>C</b> Cabbage Carrot Caterpillar Circle Cloud Compost Corn Crop
<b>D</b> Daisy Dandelion Dig Dill Dirt	<b>E</b> Earthworm Egg (insect/ chicken) Eggplant Eucalyptus Tree	<b>F</b> Fern Fig Flower Fly Food Fruit
<b>G</b> Garden Gloves Grapes Grass Green Grow	<b>H</b> Habitat Hay Hibiscus Hoe Hose Huge	<b>I</b> Inchworm Insects Investigate Irrigation
<b>J</b> Jacaranda Tree Jade Jalapeno Juicy Junebug	<b>K</b> Kale Kernel Kids Knot	<b>L</b> Ladybug Lavender Leaves Lemon Lettuce Lime
<b>M</b> Mint Moon Mulch Mum	<b>N</b> Native Plant Nectar Nectarine Nest Nightcrawler Nutrients	<b>O</b> Observation Onion Orange Organic Outdoors Owl box
<b>P</b> Parseley Pear Peas Pest Plant Pollinator Purple Pink	<b>Q</b> Queen Bee Quiet	<b>R</b> Rain barrel Rake Red Ripe Rock Roly poly Roots Rose
<b>S</b> Seeds Shovel Sky Soil Spider Stem Strawberry Sun	<b>T</b> Thermometer Tools Trees Triangle Trowel	<b>U</b> Underground Unique Useful
<b>V</b> Variety Vegetables Vine Violet	<b>W</b> Watering Can Weeds Wheelbarrow Wildflower Wind Wing Wood Worms	<b>X</b> eXplore
<b>Y</b> Yam Yellow Yellow jacket Yummy	<b>Z</b> Zen Zest Zucchini	

