

## Dancing the Alphabet: Classroom Online Resource Document

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This handout is designed to help kindergarten teachers introduce dance into their classrooms while reviewing the alphabet. This activity also helps to connect the alphabet to things the students' already know- animal names. This activity is based on students participating at their comfort level and requires no specified technique or ability.

Going letter by letter, ask the students to tell you an animal that starts with that letter, suggestions are listed below. Then have the class act out that animal. To challenge the students try calling out a previous animal and have them respond with the action and first letter, or try to dance through the alphabet as quickly as possible. You can also have your class dance the alphabet as a group, assigning one letter to each student, challenging students to know what letter comes next.

A- ALLICATOR **B-BIRD/BUTTERFLY** C- CAT D-DOG E- ELEPHANT F- FLAMINGO G- GIRAFFE H- HORSE I- IGUANA J- JELLYFISH K-KANAGROO L-LION M-MONKEY/MOOSE N-NARWHAL O- OCTOPUS/ OWL P- PENOUIN/PIG Q- QUAIL/QUEEN BEE **R-RABBIT** S- SNAKE/SHEEP T- T-REX/ TURTLE **U- UNICORN V-VOULTURE** W- WOLF/WHOLE X-X-RAY FISH Y-YAK Z-ZEBRA/ZOO

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