Alphabetical Order: Use the First Letter

Answers and adult support.

Correct word order

1. ant, cat, dog. 2. moon, rain, sun. 3. boat, car, plane, train. 4. bud, flower, leaf, seed.

Use only the first letter here

Every word in a group begins with a different letter. Find each initial on the alphabet strip and move from left to right. These groups avoid two words with the same initial, which would require a later-letter rule.

Read with support

An adult may read the words and help the child point to each initial. This activity practises ordering words, not a particular phonics progression. It can be completed orally before writing.

Check the method

Ask the learner to say which first letter comes earliest and explain the next choice. Do not require fluent independent spelling to show an understanding of alphabetical order.