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Note to parents and educators:

The first skill children acquire before becoming successful readers is individual letter recognition. The Alphabet Friends series has been created with the needs of young learners in mind. Each engaging book begins by showing the difference between the capital letter and the lowercase letter. In each of the books on the vowels and the consonants c and g, children are introduced to the different sounds that the letter can make. Finally, children see that the letters can be found at the beginning of a word, in the middle of a word, and in most cases, at the end of a word.

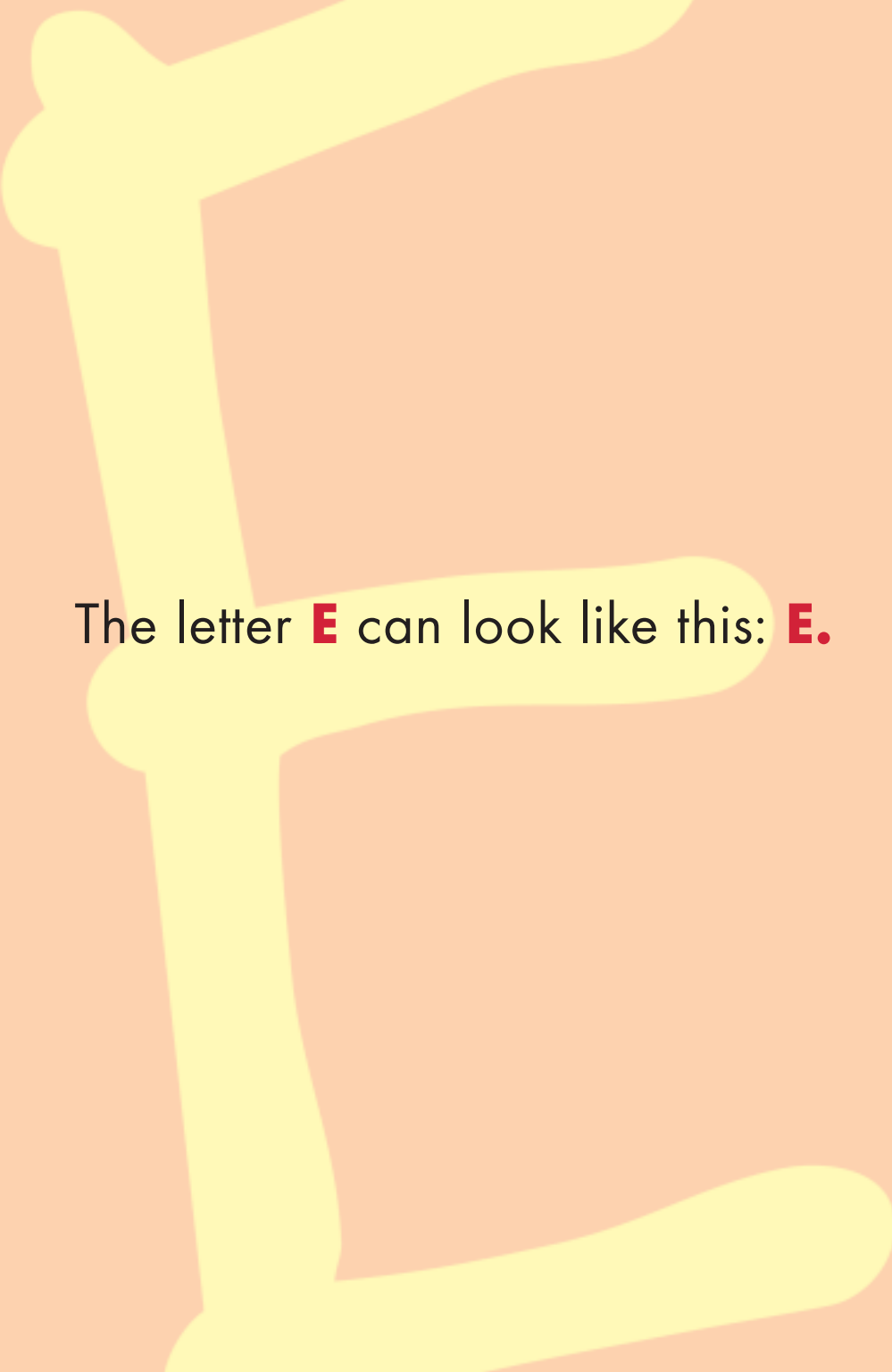
Following the introduction, children meet their Alphabet Friends. The friend in each story encounters many words that include the featured letter of that book. Each noun that begins with the title letter is highlighted in red with the initial letter of the word in bold. Above the word is a rebus drawing that establishes a strong picture cue.

At the end of each book, we have included three words lists. Can your young learners find all the words in each book with the title letter in them?



Let's learn about the letter **E**.





The letter **E** can look like this: **E.**



The letter **E** can also look like this: **e.**

The letter **e** makes two different sounds.

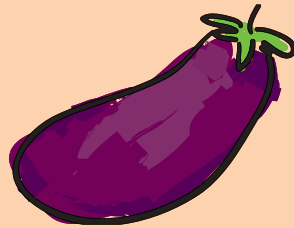
One sound is the long sound,
like in the word eagle.

eeagle



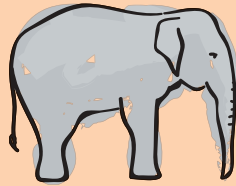
The other sound is the short sound,
like in the word eggplant.

eggplant



The letter **e** can be at the beginning of a word, like elephant.

elephant



The letter **e** can be in the middle of a word, like desk.

de**e**sk



The letter **e** can be at the
end of a word, like apple.

apple**e**







Ezra gets up early every day to read.



Ezra enjoys reading more than

anything else.

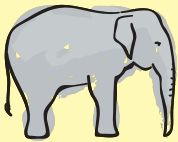
Fun Facts



Have you ever seen an **eagle** soar? **Eagles** can glide for great distances without flapping their wings. They also have good eyesight and strong legs and feet. **Eagles** are often used as symbols of power and strength. Some **eagles** can live for almost 50 years!



Earth is one of nine planets that travel around the Sun. It is the fifth largest of these planets. Scientists argue about how old the **Earth** is. Most agree that it has been around for at least 4.5 billion years. It is the home of the only known life in the universe.



Elephants are the largest animals that live on land. Have you ever seen **elephants** at the zoo? It is lots of fun to watch them pick up objects with their trunks. An **elephant's** trunk can pick up a log that weighs 600 pounds (272 kilograms)! It can also pick up an object as small as a coin.

To Read More

About the Letter **E**

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Words with E

Words with E at the Beginning

each
eager
eagle
eagles
early
Earth
eat
eating
eggplant
eggplants
elephant
elephants
else
end
enjoys
enormous
every
excellent
eyes
Ezra

Words with E in the Middle

another
beginning
desk
different
does
eager
eagles
elephant
elephants
every
excellent
eyes
gets
learn
learned
let's
letter
makes
planet
planets
read
reading
shelf

Words with E at the End

apple
are
be
eagle
else
have
he
like
middle
more
one
the

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Alphabet Friends

Alphabet Friends give beginning readers a fun way to master letter recognition. Each Alphabet Friend tells a simple, entertaining story highlighting a single letter. Words with the featured letter highlighted, miniature color illustrations above important words in the text, and color photographs are included throughout. Read-to books become stories children can read for themselves!

Anna and the Letter **A**

Bernard, Me, and the Letter **B**

Carmen and the Letter **C**

Daisy, My Dad, and the Letter **D**

Ezra and the Letter **E**

Fred, Me, and the Letter **F**

Grandma, Grandpa, and the Letter **G**

Helen at Home and the Letter **H**

Imagination and the Letter **I**

Josef's Journal and the Letter **J**

Kaya's Kindergarten and the Letter **K**

Leila at the Library and the Letter **L**

Muhammad's Monday and the Letter **M**

Natasha and the Letter **N**

Oscar, Me, and the Letter **O**

Pablo, His Papa, and the Letter **P**

Quentin's Quiz and the Letter **Q**

Raquel and the Letter **R**

Sabina at School and the Letter **S**

Tony's Trip and the Letter **T**

Uncle Russ and the Letter **U**

Victoria's Vacation and the Letter **V**

Walter in the Woods and the Letter **W**

Xavier and the Letter **X**

Yesterday and the Letter **Y**

Zlata, Me, and the Letter **Z**

