



# HELP YOUR CHILDREN GET READY TO READ BY PLAYING *SIMON SAYS*!



**TRY THIS  
AT HOME**

- Learning the letters and their sounds is an important part of learning to read and write.
- Playing *Simon Says* with letters is a fun way to learn the letters!

## Play *Simon Says* with letters!

- Work with your children to write each letter of the alphabet on its own piece of paper.
- Spread out the letters in the space where you want to play. If you have a smaller space, use 5-10 letters at a time.
- Explain how the game works. Tell your children you will call out an instruction. If you include the phrase "Simon Says," they should follow the instruction. If you do not include "Simon Says," they should not follow the instruction.
- Call out instructions that include the letters. (Simon says, walk backwards to the letter D. Skip to the letter P. Simon says, hold the letter O over your head.)
- Help your children complete the instructions.
- After everyone has completed an instruction: say the name of the letter (This is an A.) and have your children repeat it, make the sound that the letter makes (As sound like A or Aaah.) and have your children repeat it.
- After playing a few rounds, let your children take the lead! Have them give the instructions and you follow them.
- Play with your whole family. You can act silly, laugh, talk, and work together!



## Gowa: Teachable Moments for Apache Children

This program provides free early literacy materials, activities, and events to San Carlos Apache families with children ages 0 – 6.

Learn more: <https://extension.arizona.edu/gowa> or email [GowaTeachableMoments@arizona.edu](mailto:GowaTeachableMoments@arizona.edu)

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