

Speedy Alphabet Arcs

Objective

Students will gain speed and accuracy in letter recognition.

Materials

- Speedy Alphabet Arcs handout
- Set of uppercase letters (e.g., foam or plastic)
- Timer
- For extension activities: Set of lowercase letters

Overview

Explicitly model the activity and provide multiple opportunities for practice with corrective feedback.

Activity

1. Place the uppercase alphabet arc from the handout (consider enlarging and reprinting the arc) and set of letters on a flat surface. Place the timer at the center.
2. Set the timer for 1 minute.
3. Have students choose a letter, name it, and place it on the corresponding letter on the alphabet arc.
4. Have students continue until the timer goes off.
5. Provide corrective feedback
6. Repeat the activity until students can match all of the letters in less than 1 minute.

Activity Extension

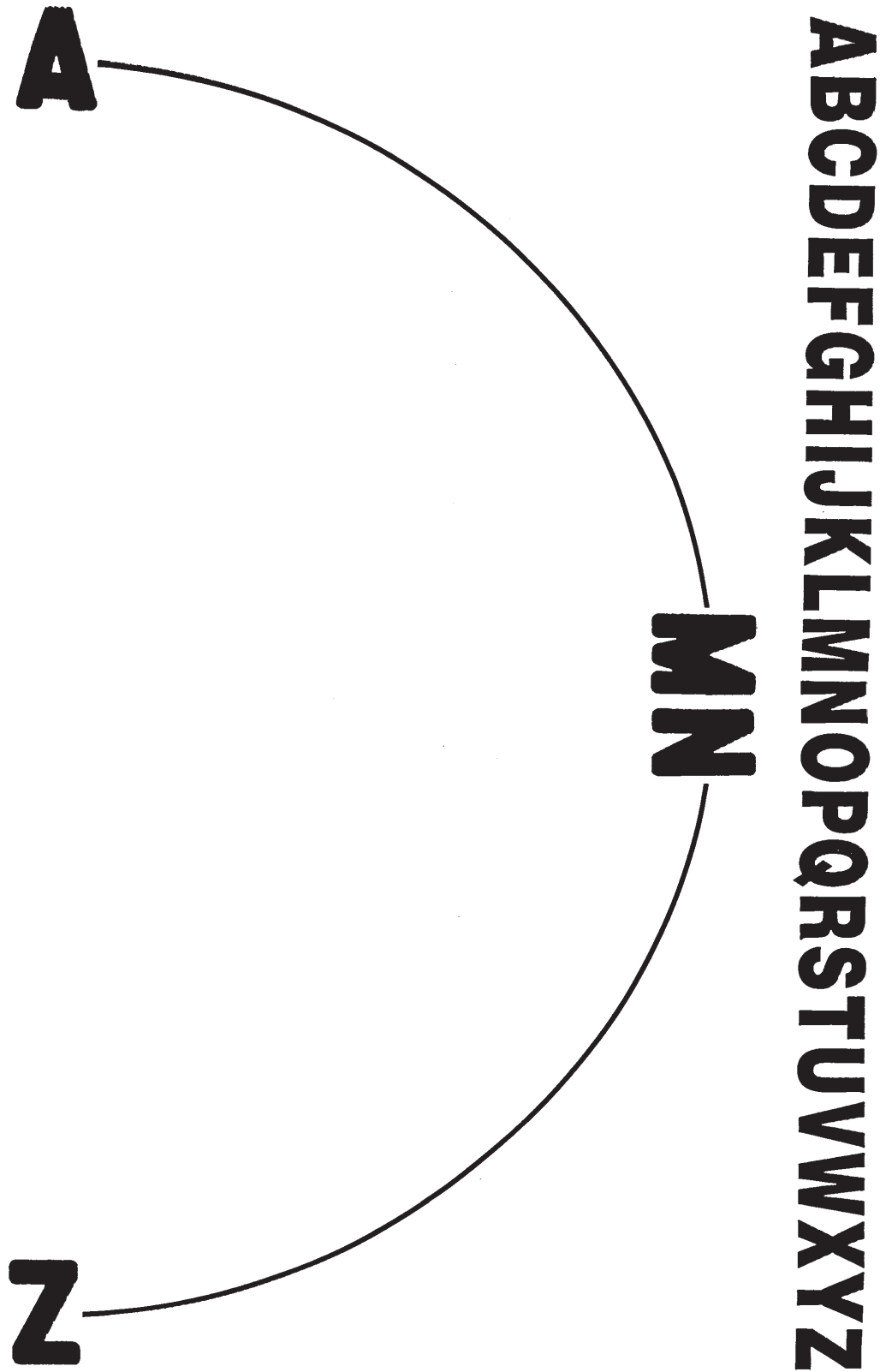
- Match lowercase letters to the lowercase alphabet arc in 3 minutes or less.
- Complete the partial alphabet arc in 3 minutes or less.

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