

Alphabet Category Blitz

Grades K–2 • 10 min • 4+ students

WHAT YOU NEED

- None (or paper and pencils for a written version)

SETUP

Pick a category the whole class can access — animals, foods, colors, things at school.

HOW TO RUN IT

1. Announce the category (e.g. "animals") and set a 2-minute timer.
2. Going around the room in order, each student names an animal starting with the next letter of the alphabet (A, then B, then C...).
3. If a student gets stuck, the class can help with a hint, or simply skip that letter and move on.
4. See how far through the alphabet the class gets before time runs out, and try to beat that record with a new category next time.

VARIATIONS

- Run it as small-group races instead of one big class circle for more turns per student.
- Make it a written relay: pass a paper down the row, each student adds one word for the next letter.