Letter Vv

Supply List*

Art supplies: do-a-dot markers, craft sticks, paper plate, markers or crayons, glue, scissors, miscellaneous craft items, tempera paint

Printables: pages 202-221

Books: Tops and Bottoms (by Janet Stevens), What in the World is a Violin? (by Mary Elizabeth Saltzmann), Growing Vegetable Soup (by Lois Ehlert)

Other: dry rice, gallon sized plastic bag, Velcro dots, jumbo craft sticks, vegetables for making prints, baking soda, vinegar, food coloring, eye dropper, dish soap, a big variety of toy vehicles, painter's tape

*Please read through the lessons before gathering your supplies. You may wish to skip some activities or substitute different materials.



Suggested Books

- · The Viper, by Lisa Thiesing
- · Mole Music, by David McPhail
- This is the Van that Dad Cleaned, by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- What in the World is a Violin? by Mary Elizabeth Saltzmann
- Growing Vegetable Soup, by Lois Ehlert
- · Tops & Bottoms, by Janet Stevens
- · The Vegetables We Eat, by Gail Gibbons
- I Want to Be a Vet, by Dan Liebman

Dramatic Play Idea

Set up a pretend vet's office. Gather stuffed animals and a variety of materials for a doctor kit.

Get inspiration at

Mess for Less http://bit.ly/1CwFXua



Snack Ideas

- Healthy snack ideas: vegetables
- · Packaged snacks: vanilla wafers, vanilla yogurt
- Food to make together: roasted vegetables



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1) Little book of songs and rhymes



Read and sing the Little Letter Vv book to your learners (pages 202-203 or 204-205). If they're interested, read and sing it a few more times.

To assemble, print front to back. Then cut across the horizontal center. Fold to make a little book. Staple on the fold with a long-arm stapler.

2) Letter parking lot (



Print one of the letter sound parking lots (pages 206-212). Then grab a set of toy vehicles, and label each one with a letter (painter's tape works great!) to match a space on the parking lot. Have your learners park the vehicles in their corresponding spaces.

3) "V is for volcano" dot page (\(\big|^1)



Print the volcano page (page 213). Have your learners use do-a-dot markers or small manipulatives to cover the circles.

4) Read and create a vegetable garden craft (





After reading *Tops & Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens, work with your child to create a paper plate craft to show which vegetables grow above ground and which grow beneath. You'll need a paper plate and crayons or markers. Simply draw a horizontal line across the paper plate. This is the soil line. Draw the tops of plants above the line, and the roots below it.

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1) My Vv Book [



Print, cut apart, and staple My Vv Book (pages 214-215). Read it to your child. Point to the words as you read. Next, encourage your child to "read" it back to you.

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2) V is for vase









Print the block letter V (page 216) onto colorful construction paper. Cut it out, and have your learner glue it to paper and make flowers in whatever way s/he'd like: by painting them, printing, gluing construction or tissue paper, etc.

3) Toy vehicle sort





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You can do this activity one of two ways. Have your learners sort toy cars and trucks, and ask them why they sorted the way they did. Another way is for you to sort the vehicles and ask your child to guess your sorting rule. Here are some ideas:

- Sort by size
- Sort by color
- Sort by type of vehicle
- Sort by where the vehicle travels (land, sea, or air)
- Sort by purpose (emergency and recreational vehicles)

4) Read



Read from the letter V book list. Point out the letter V as it appears in the books. Also call attention to the parts of a book: cover, spine, title, title page, author, etc.

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1) Vehicle letter sounds



Gather a variety of toy vehicles, like a fire truck, ambulance, car, truck, helicopter. etc. Make sure that each one starts with a different letter. Then take a piece of construction paper and write the first letter of each vehicle on the page. Make sure the letters are spread out, because you will have your child place each vehicle on the letter that begins its name.



Vehicle letter sounds

2) "I spy" sensory bag (

Print and trim the alphabet page (page 217). Then place it inside a galloon size bag, add dry rice, and seal tightly shut (sealing with packing tape is a good idea!). Have your learner shake and move the rice to find each letter on the accompanying letter strip (page 218). H/she can cross out each letter on the letter strip as h/she finds it in the bag.

3) Read and listen to violin music



After reading What in the World is a Violin? by Mary Elizabeth Saltzmann, listen to violin music with your child. Look for classical music on YouTube with violin solos.

4) Find the letter (





Print the letter find worksheet for letter V (page 219). Have your learners color the letter V's or cover them with small manipulatives.

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1) Velcro dot sticks







Put Velcro dots at the ends of jumbo craft sticks and invite your child to make shapes and other creations with them.

2) Simple name puzzle



Print your child's name using large letters on a single piece of paper. Cut apart into rectangles and have your child glue the puzzle onto paper to form his name.

3) Read and create vegetable prints







After reading *Growing Vegetable Soup*, by Lois Ehlert, do some vegetable printing. We like using pepper and potato halves dipped in washable tempera paint. Broccoli and halved carrots make nice prints too.

4) Letter sound cut and paste



Print the upper or lowercase block letter V and pictures (pages 220-221). Have your learner cut out the pictures and glue them to the V, naming the pictures as s/he goes

Bonus Activities

Paint and erupt volcano



Plan ahead for this one, because after you create the volcano, you will need to let it dry for a few days. You will need at least 6 cups of baking soda, water, vinegar, food coloring or liquid water colors, an eye dropper, and a squirt of dish soap. Your preschooler will love this one! http://bit.ly/1MKYkBC

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Big Volcano

(tune: Are You Sleeping?)



Big volcano, big volcano, Getting hot! Getting hot! Now the lava's coming, Now the lava's coming, Out the top! Out the top!

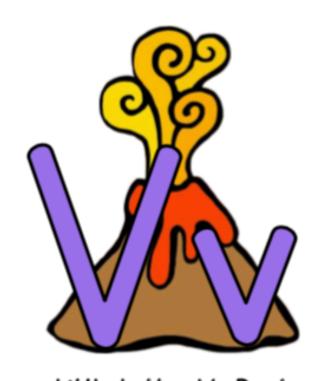
I'm a Little Vacuum



I'm a little vacuum,
Hear me vroom,
Over the floor and
All across the room.
When I get all revved up,
See me work,
Cleaning up the carpet
And sucking up the dirt.
VROOM!



Can you find the V?



Little Letter Vv Book

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I'm a Veterinarian

(tune: Oh My Darling, Clementine)



Bring your dogs, bring your cats, Bring your hamsters one by one. 'Cause I take care of the animals, I'm a veterinarian.

Play a Tune

(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)



Play, play, play a tune, On your violin. Very loud and very soft, Play it once again.

My Vegetable Garden

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle)



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Carrots, peppers, green beans, too.
Planting seeds until I'm through.
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We're Going on Vacation

(Tune: She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain)



Oh, we're going on vacation in a plane (zoom zoom!)
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Oh, we're going on vacation
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Oh, we're going on vacation in a train (choo choo!)

Oh, we're going on vacation in our car (beep beep!)

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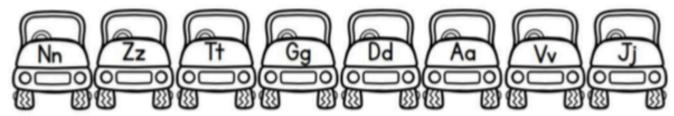
Oh, we're going on vacation in a train (choo choo!)

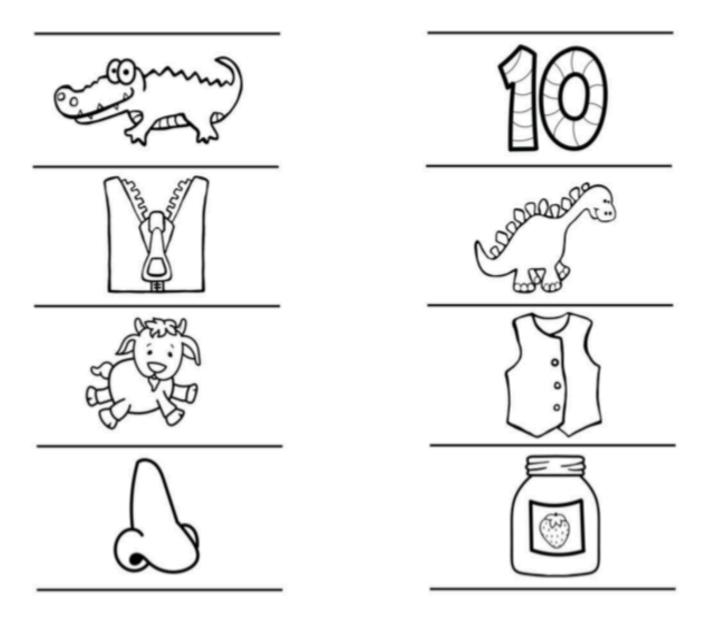
Oh, we're going on vacation in our car (beep beep!)

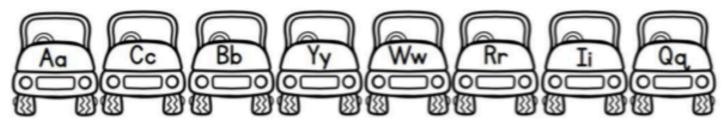
The following pages
practice beginning sounds.
Say the name of the pictures
with your child
and have your child pick
which car has
the correct beginning sounds.

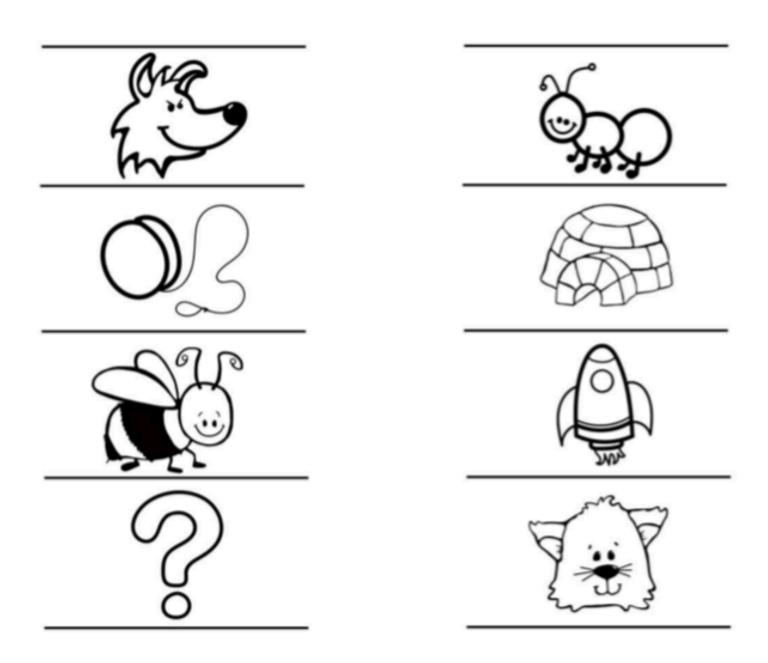
Or you can label real toy cars
with these letters using blank stickers
or painter's tape.
Then have them drive
and park the cars
in the right parking spots that match
the beginning sounds to the letter.

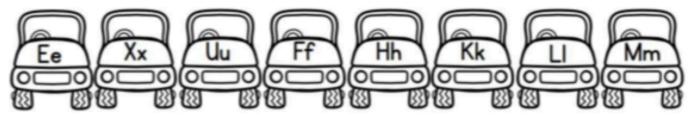
Have fun!!

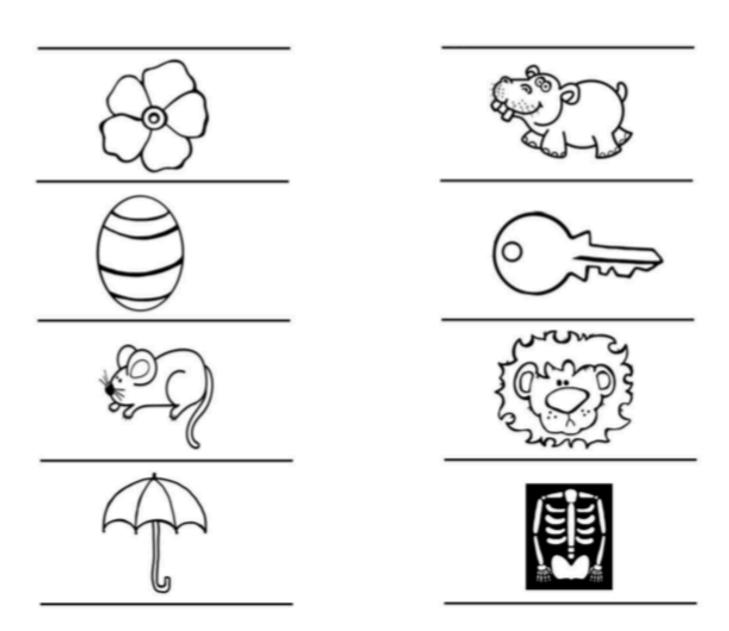


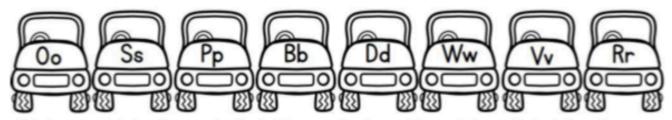


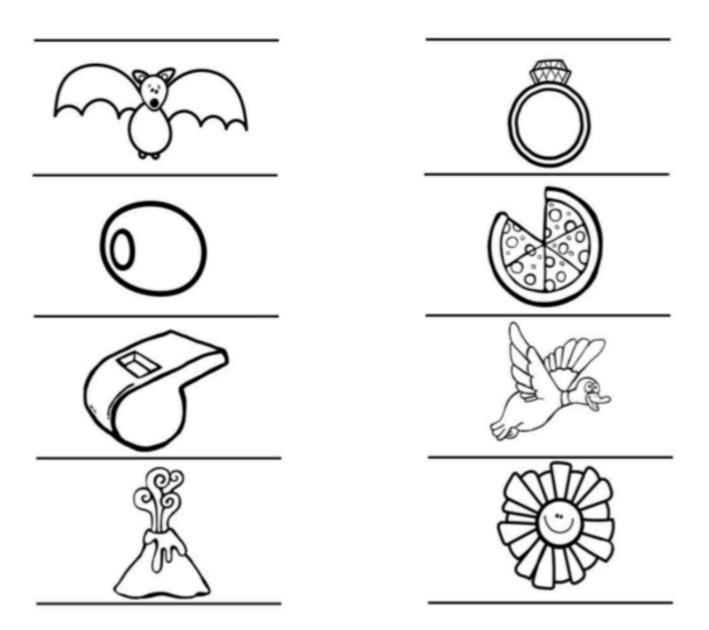


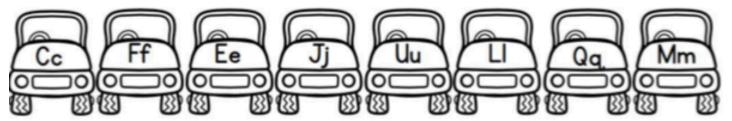


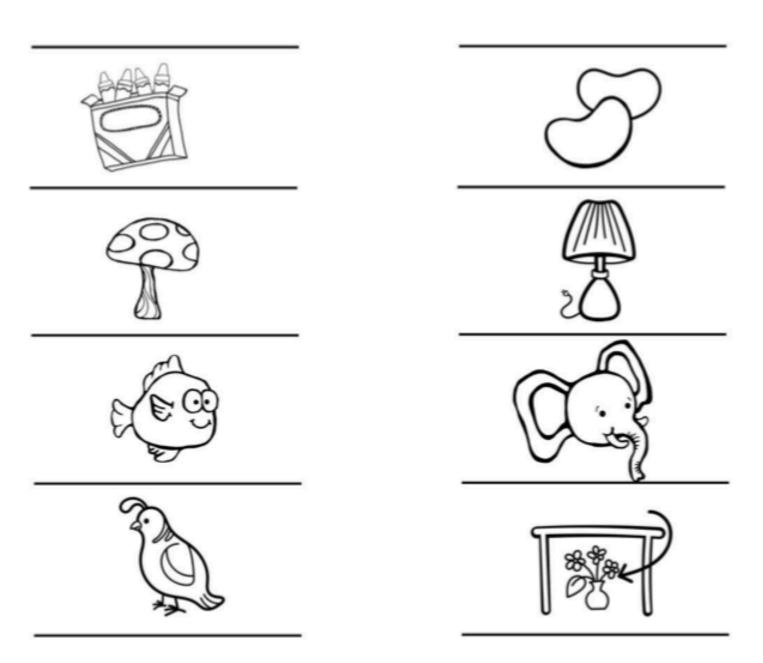


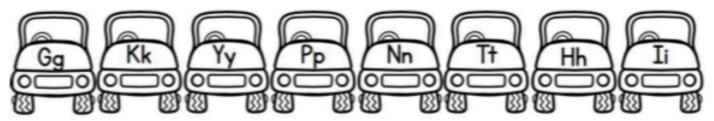


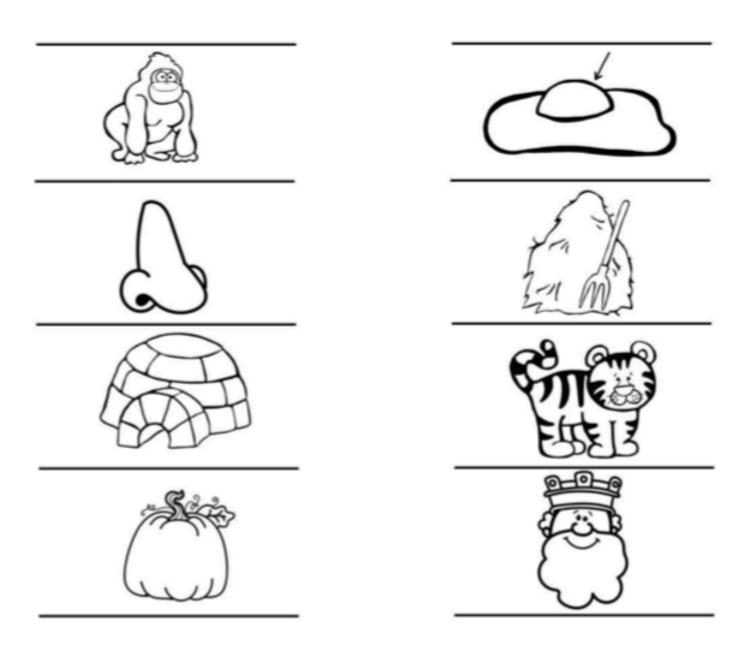


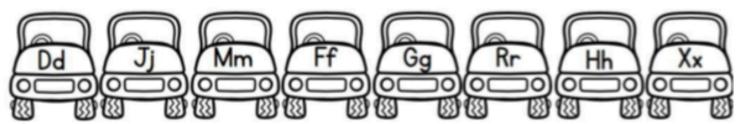


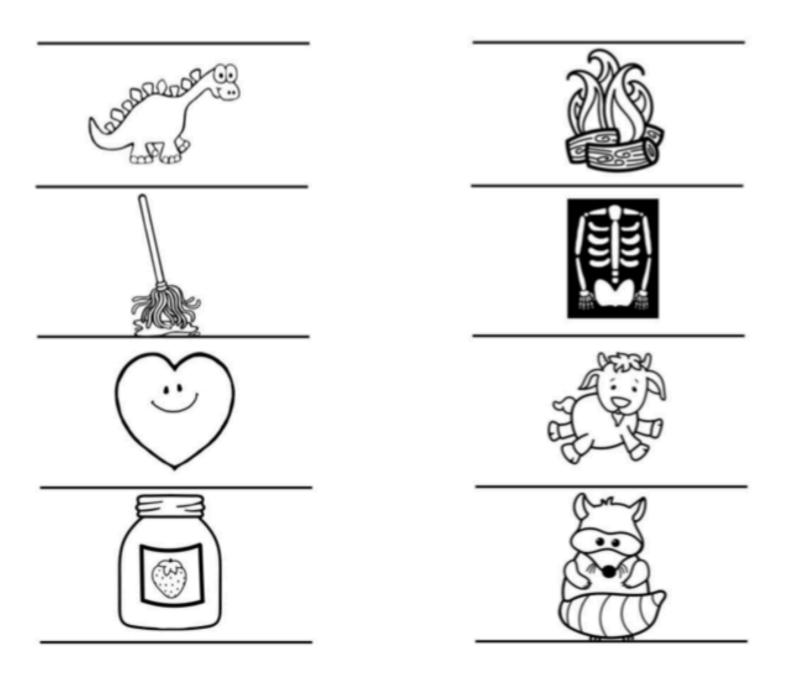


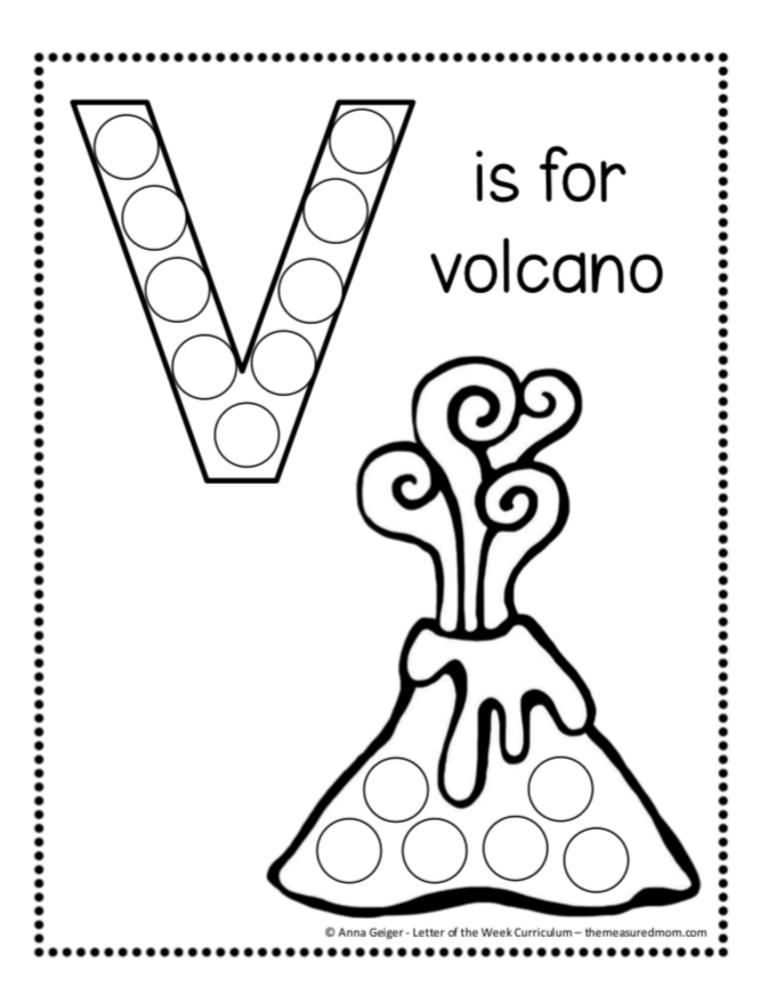














My Vv Book

Trace it!

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vase



vest



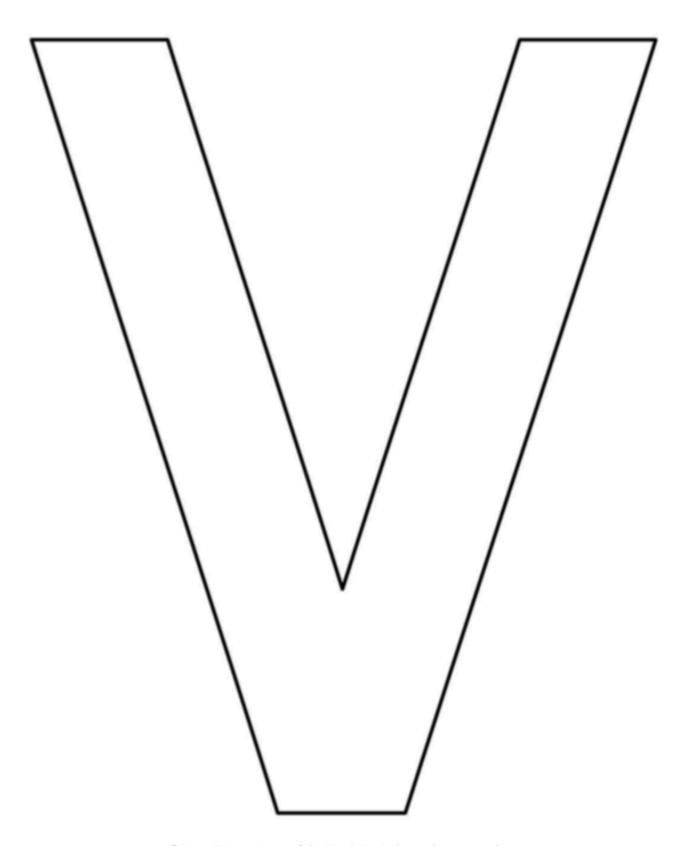
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vacuum

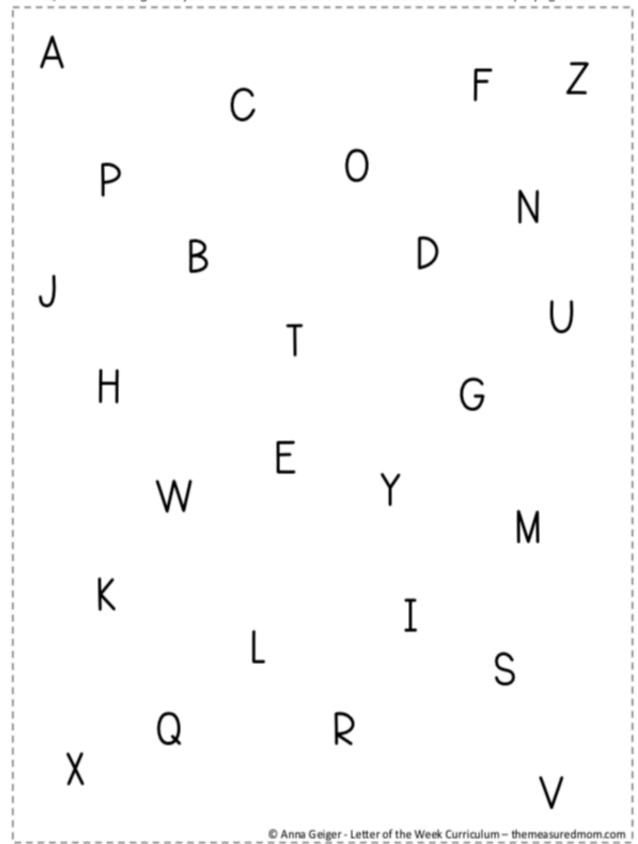


vine



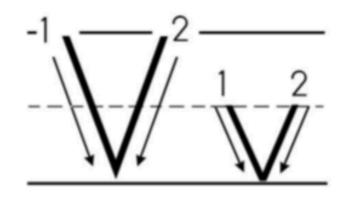
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Print this paper onto cardstock. Cut on the dotted line, and insert it into a gallon sized freezer bag. Dump in dry rice, and seal the bag. Have your learner hunt for letters and cross them out on the accompanying sheet.

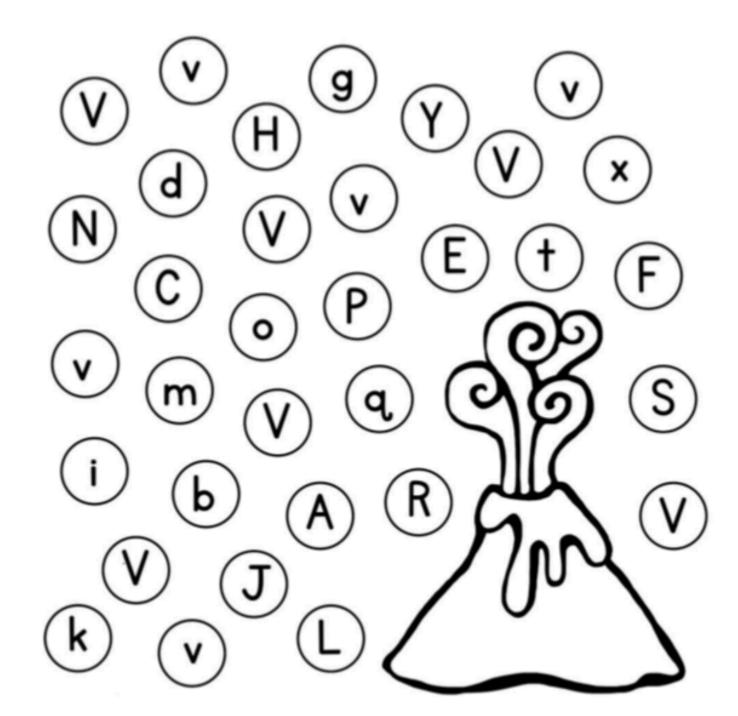


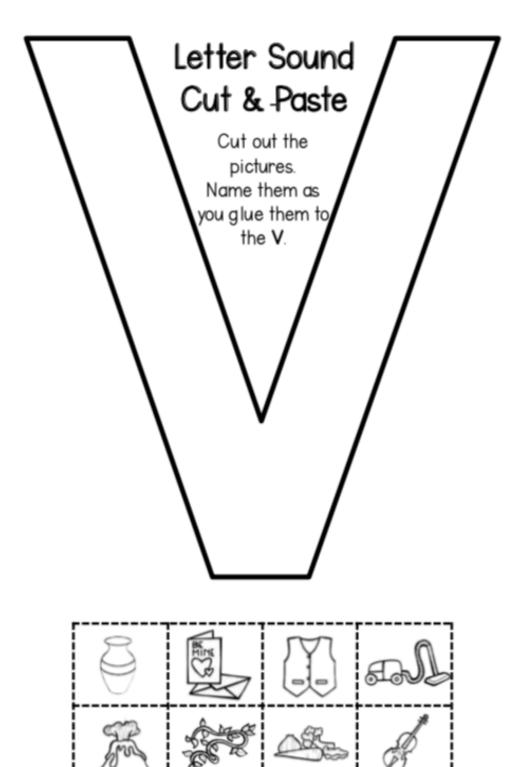
I Spy Letters!

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is for volcano

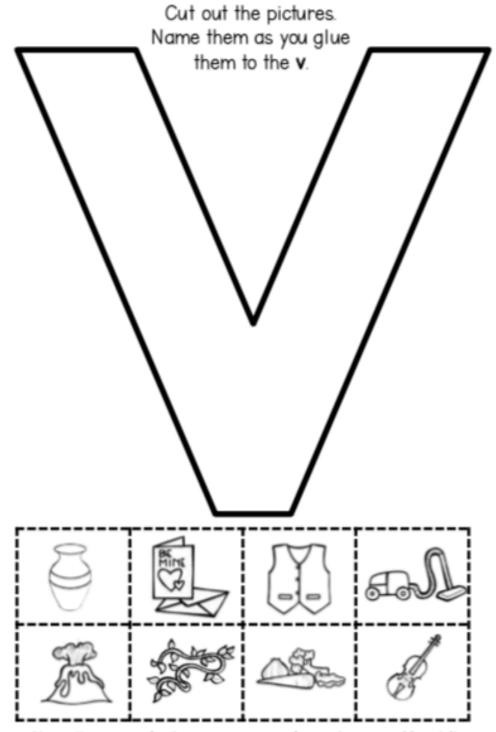




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