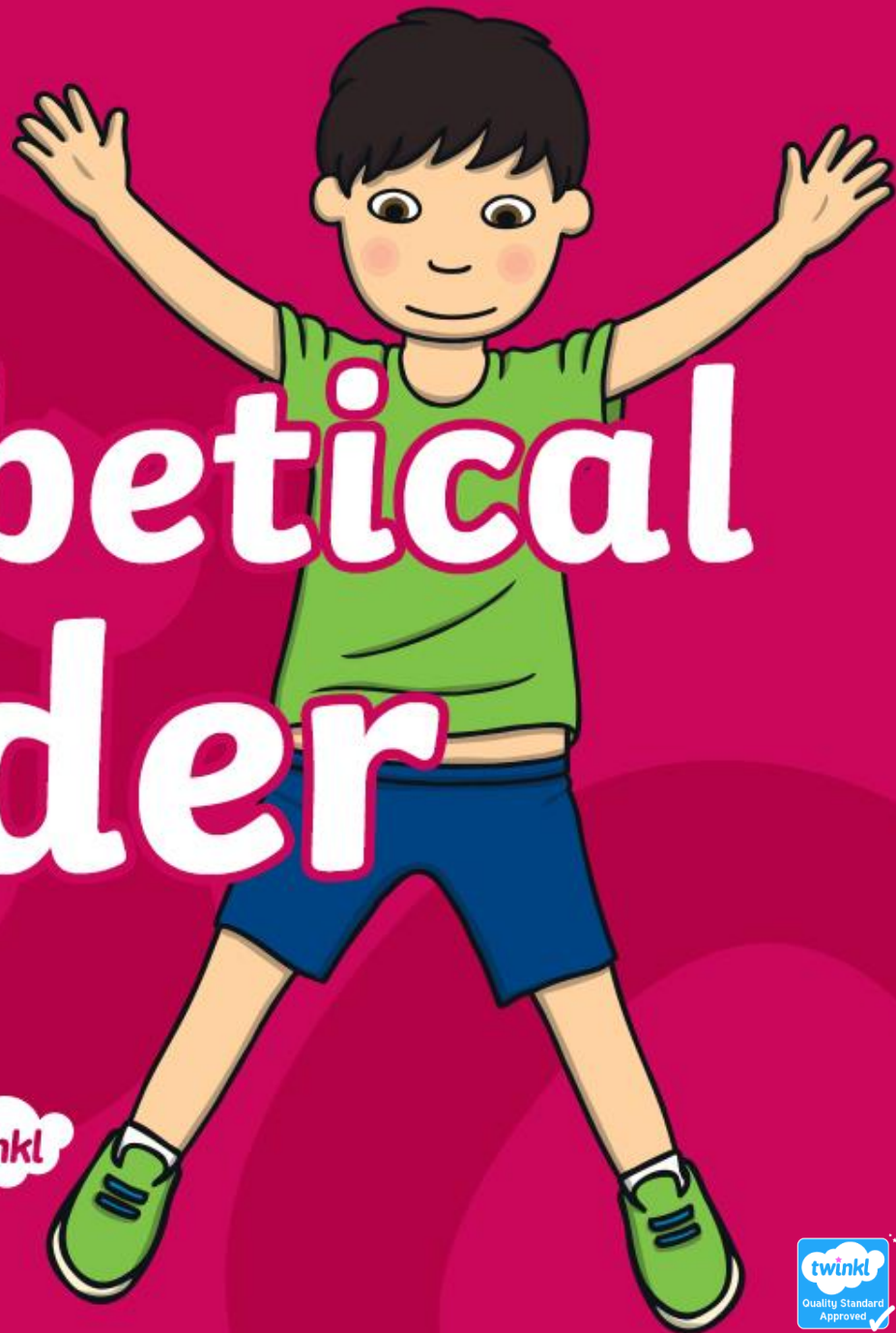


# Alphabetical Order



# What Is an Alphabet?

An **alphabet** is a list of symbols for writing.

We call these symbols **letters**.

Each letter has at least one **sound** that goes with it.

See how quickly you can say the sounds which go with these letters:

a f m z

# What Is Alphabetical Order?

The letters which appear in an alphabet always appear in the same order.  
This is called **alphabetical order**.

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. They go in this order:

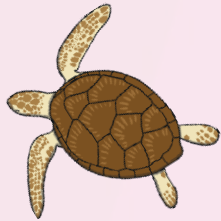
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Click on the different sections to help you to learn the order.

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# a b c d e f g h

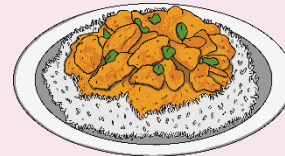
These are the first seven letters of the alphabet.  
To remember them in the right order, you could think about:



**animal**



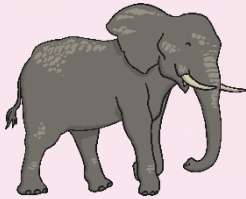
**ball**



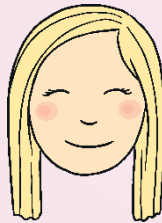
**curry**



**door**



**elephant**



**face**



**grapes**



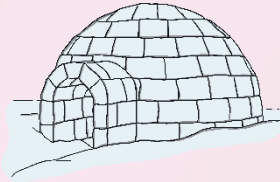
**hammer**

Can you write a silly story that contains all of  
these words in the correct order?

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# i j k l m n

These seven letters come next.  
To remember them in the right order, you could think about:



**ice**



**jelly**



**king**



**lady**



**magic**



**navy**

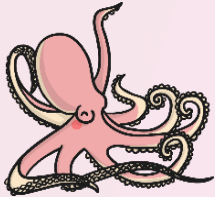
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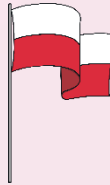
**o p q r s t u**

These seven letters come next.

To remember them in the right order, you could think about:



**octopus**



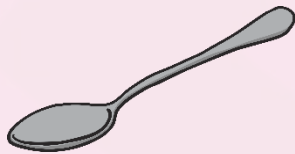
**Poland**



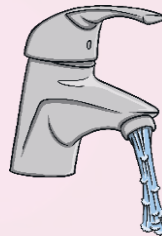
**question**



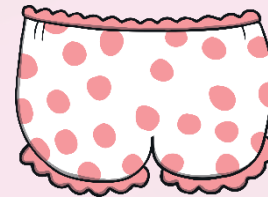
**roll**



**spoon**



**tap**



**underpants**

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**v w x y z**

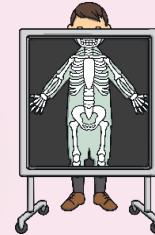
These five letters come next.  
To remember them in the right order, you could think about:



**vegetable**



**wave**



**x-ray**



**you**



**zebra**

Can you write a silly story that contains all of  
these words in the correct order?

# How Can I Put Words into Alphabetical Order?

When you are starting to put words into alphabetical order, you need to look at the **first letter** of the words.

The word whose first letter comes first in the order of the alphabet will go first. Then the word whose first letter appears next in the alphabet will go next. Keep going until you have no more words left to order.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

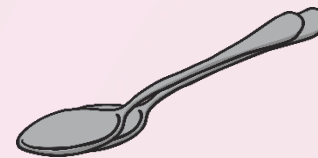
What order would these words go in?



king



king



spoon

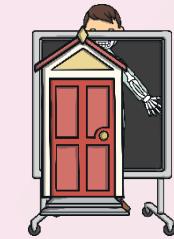


# How Can I Put Words into Alphabetical Order?

Put these words into alphabetical order:

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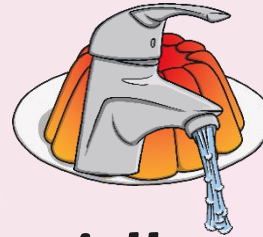
What order would these words go in?



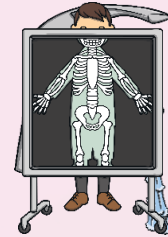
xtoray



jebby



jeddy



xtapy

# How Can I Put Words into Alphabetical Order?

Put these words into alphabetical order:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

What order would these words go in?

