



Cognitive Skills

Basic math

Pre-reading

Problem-solving



Table: Ages at which 80-90 percent of typical students have achieved a phonological skill.

Age	Skill Domain	Sample Tasks
4	Rote imitation and enjoyment of rhyme and alliteration	pool, drool, tool "Seven silly snakes sang songs seriously."
	Begins to isolate sounds in words (e.g. at beginning, middle or end of the word)	D-o-g "What sound do you hear at the beginning of the word D-o-g?"
	Identifies some letters	"What letters are some in your name?"

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When getting ready for kindergarten think about...

Looking within our environment

- ✓ Letters in the child's name
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Environment (street signs, business signage, flyers)
- ✓ Labels on common household food products
- ✓ Point out numbers on community signs
- ✓ Play telephone with your child, identifying numbers on the keypad

Counting with one to one correspondence

- ✓ numbers on a die for a board game
- ✓ sets/groups of objects such as; number of stairs to climb upstairs or number of berries in their bowl

Recognizing letters

- ✓ Give your child a clipping from a newspaper or flyer and have them circle all the examples they can find of a specified letter.

- ✓ Make letter shapes using pipe cleaners, wax sticks, or salt or sand in trays. Children also enjoy using hair gel with food coloring in Ziploc bags.

Help your child solve problems

- ✓ Give your child choices that they may choose to solve their own problem
- ✓ When reading stories ask questions such as; "what would you do?"

Technology at home

- ✓ iPods, iPads, and iPhones are everywhere, you can use these devices to assist your child learn a variety of concepts at home
- ✓ Online games and activities can be very educational as well

Apps to check out...

Prepositions

- ✓ Speech with Milo-Prepositions \$2.99
- ✓ Language Lab: ing verbs & prepositions \$2.99
- ✓ My first Prepositions \$1.99
- ✓ Core Curriculum Pre-K FREE

Categories

- ✓ Peekaboo HD FREE
- ✓ Sort it Out 1 FREE
- ✓ Categories from I can Do Apps \$2.99
- ✓ Peekaboo Barn HD FREE
- ✓ Peekaboo Kids FREE

Letters

- ✓ Pre K Letters and Numbers FREE
- ✓ Starfall ABC's \$2.99
- ✓ Alphabet Aquarium Volume 1 FREE
- ✓ Alpha Tots \$0.99
- ✓ Hairy Letters \$2.99
- ✓ Shape-O ABC's \$1.99

Numbers

- ✓ Montessori Numberland \$1.99
- ✓ Counting Town \$0.99
- ✓ Kids Learning: My first Numbers and Counting Game FREE

Body Parts

- ✓ Body Parts by TinyTapps \$0.99
- ✓ Parts of the Body FREE

