

Let's get set-up!

When we learn our letters, we're doing so much more than just learning to read! We're learning to recognize patterns, to draw and communicate abstract ideas, and how to archive and record ideas and experiences. The **alphabet** that we learn in Canada is also only one kind of alphabet. There are lots of different alphabets used by people across Turtle Island and around the world. But for today, let's stick with English! What happens when we take apart these letters and put them back together?

**This week, we'll need:**

- Pencil (HB) and/or Marker
- 2 Pieces of Paper
- Scissors

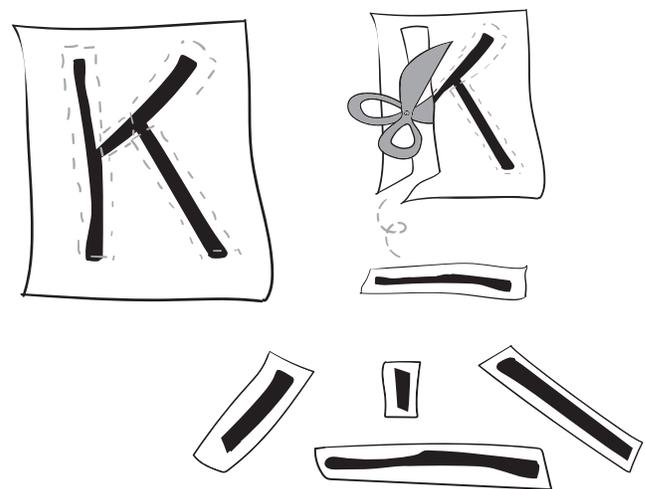
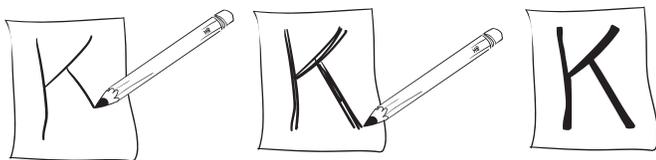
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**Start by drawing your favourite letter;** it could be the first letter of your name or your best friend's name. It could be the one that is easiest to draw! Draw it really big on the page. If the letter is thin or hard to see, retrace and colour in the letter again so that it's thicker and easier to see. This is easier if you use a marker, but you can just colour in your letter with pencil if you're using a pencil!



Next, search for and circle or mark all the shapes you can find that make up your letter. Can you find rectangles, triangles, and circles in your letter?

When you marked all the shapes, take your scissors and cut out each of the shapes. Now mix up all the pieces! What can you make with your new ready-made art shapes?

**What happens when you:**

- Do this with more letters and mix up the pieces?
- Use Pencil? Use Marker? What's Different?
- Use Upper Case or Lower Case?

**Vocabulary. What do you notice?**

Words about words!

Letters	Shapes	Language
Collection	Vowels	Reading
Container	Consonants	Writing
Names	Uppercase	Cursive
Words	Lowercase	Handwriting
	Spelling	