

## Finding Your Location: Alphabet

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### 5 EASY STEPS!



#### **STEP 1**

Break your class into two teams. Each team lines up, single file, in front of a piece of chart paper that has the alphabet written down the side.

#### **STEP 2**

The leader of each line has a marker. They must write a location starting with the letter of the alphabet that is next. This could be a city, a state, a country, a town, a room, a planet...the more specific the better.

#### **STEP 3**

Once the student has written their location, they must pass the marker back to the next student. This next student is waiting behind an imaginary or taped out line for the marker and can only move to the chart paper when they receive the marker. The student who has just finished goes to the back of the line.

#### STEP 4

Don't copy from the other team! Encourage students to notice what letter they will have when they get up to the chart paper and think of some specific ideas. It's fun to whisper with those around you for help!

#### STEP 5

When the lists are completed, (First team to finish their ABC List, wins!) have the class read through the lists as a group. Whether the group is writing a class play, small group plays or individual plays, the students now have a jumping off point of interesting locations that their play can take place in.

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