

Bottle Top Letters

Bottle Top Letters are designed for those who are using bottle tops with letters on to build words.

2 litre tops are free and readily available. Although the 2 litre tops take more room to store they are easier for small fingers to manipulate. Storage is easy in a pencil case or zip lock bag. These make an excellent teaching aid- free, easily replaced if lost, very tactile and excellent for sound blending, segmenting, manipulation of sounds and much more.

By using printed letters instead of writing on in pen the letters are clear and have greater uniformity. It is much easier to then use parents to help make the sets. A dab of glue from a glue stick holds the letter in place while a strip of sticky tape is stuck over the top to protect it and make it more durable.

Even older students gain great benefit from building words in this way.

Some people like to use one colour for vowels, a different colour for consonants and another colour for digraphs. Other people use a different colour for each student. Some have no colour preference and use multicoloured sets. The main thing to remember is make sure the digraphs are on the same bottle top when learning. Later when they can recognize digraphs easily then you can progress to finding the letters to make the digraph.

