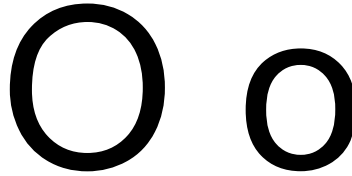


## Reading Basics (for ages 4-6)

Let's learn about the letter O!

Instructions for Parents

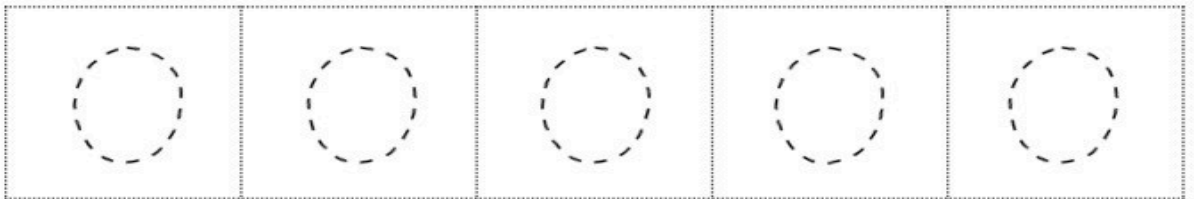
Say: **This is the letter O. This is a big O. This is a little O.**



Say: **Can you make an O by holding your arms up in a big circle? Now make a little O with just your hands.**

Say: **The letter O makes the sound /o/ like in the middle of hop. Can you hop like a bunny and make the O sound?**

Say: **Let's practice tracing the letter O with a crayon.**



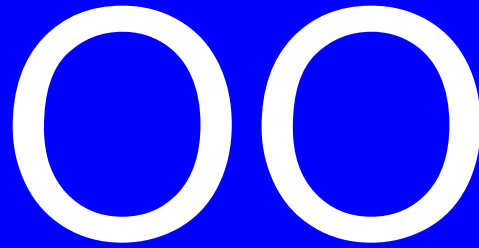
Say: **When two O's are next to each other, they create a special sound: /oo/ as in moon. Let's pretend we're looking through a pair of binoculars at the moon and make the /oo/ sound together.**



Say: **Great job! Let's practice the O and the oo sounds some more.**

Print out the following pages double-sided and cut out the flashcards to use with your child for this game. Give your child the red and blue flashcards. You will use the others, with the words facing you and the pictures facing them.

Say: **I'm going to say some words, and you listen carefully to the sounds in the middle. If it sounds like /o/ as in octopus, then it has one O in the word and you should hold up the red card. If it sounds like /oo/ as in oops, then it has two O's and you should hold up the blue card.**



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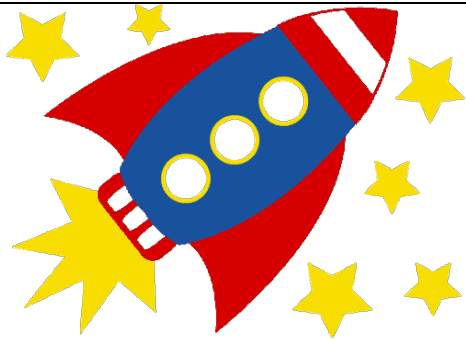

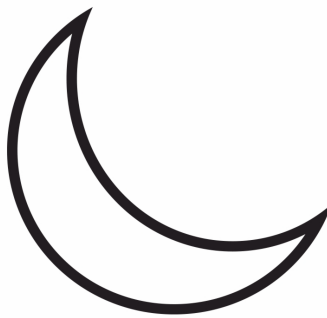
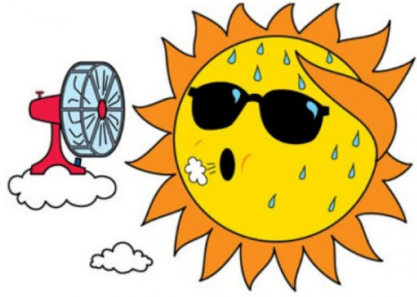

hop

moon

raccoon

mom

hot

 A cartoon illustration of a light brown rabbit with long ears, jumping happily with its arms and legs outstretched. Motion lines below its feet suggest movement.	 A stylized rocket ship with a blue body, red fins, and a red and white striped nose cone. It has three yellow circular windows. The rocket is surrounded by several yellow stars of varying sizes, suggesting it is flying through space.
 A photograph of a raccoon standing in a field of green grass. The raccoon has its characteristic black and grey fur and a black mask around its eyes.	 A simple black outline of a crescent moon, curved upwards on the right side.
 A cartoon sun with a yellow face, wearing black sunglasses. It has orange rays around it and is sweating, with blue droplets falling from its face. To the left of the sun is a red and white electric fan on a small white cloud.	 A cartoon illustration of a family of three holding hands. A woman in a green dress with white polka dots stands in the center, holding the hands of a boy in a blue shirt and brown shorts on the left, and a girl in a red dress on the right.