



## Pup, Pup, What's Up?

This letter-recognition game has a built-in self-check.

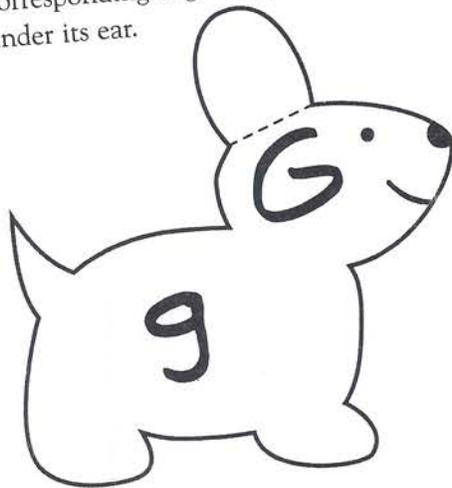
**Materials:** construction paper, markers, scissors

### How To:

1. Cut simple puppy shapes out of construction paper using the pattern below. Bend down the ear and draw on a mouth, an eye, and a nose.
2. Write a lowercase letter on the puppy's body; then lift the ear and write the uppercase letter underneath.
3. Children identify letters, visualize their uppercase form, then self-check by lifting the ear.

### And...

- \* Put pictures on the puppy and the corresponding beginning sounds under its ear.



## Woof! Woof!

Children will "eat up" this exercise!

**Materials:** plastic bowl, scissors, construction paper, markers

### How To:

1. Cut 26 dog bones from construction paper. Write a different letter on each bone. Put the bones in the "dog bowl."
2. Pass the bowl around and have each child choose a bone and identify the letter on it. Ask each child to make the sound the letter makes, then think of a word that begins with that sound.

### And...

- \* Cut out 25 bones and write high-frequency words on 22 of them. Write "WOOF!" on the other three bones. Place the bones in the dog bowl. Pass the bowl around the room. Children select a bone and read the word on it. If they select one that says "WOOF!" they stand up and bark like a dog!