

ALPHABETICAL ORGANIZATION

Do you know the alphabet? I bet you do, by now. Well, did you know that the alphabet is super important and can be used to help us find all sorts of things. “How can the alphabet help us find things?” I hear you ask. Because when you store all the “A” stuff under “A” and all the “B” stuff under “B” you know where to look for them.

It’s sort of like knowing where to look for socks, because they’ll be in the sock drawer.

Let’s see how this might work with books.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

Alphabetize a bunch of books and get your parents to check to see how you did.

So, you have a bunch of books on the shelf, and at first glance they all sort of look the same. Now, let’s say someone asks you to get the book *The Wind in the Willows*, but you can’t find it. So many books and there is no order. How would we alphabetize?

1. The first rule we should remember is you ignore the word “The” because otherwise half the books would be in the “T” section.

2. If all the books were in alphabetical order, from A-Z, what section would you find *Wind in the Willows*? It would be in the “W’s.”

3. Now, if you also had a copy of *Where the Wild Things Are*, it would go in the W section too. But would it go before or after *Wind in the Willows*? It would go before because the second letter “H” comes before the second letter “I.”



And this is how we store things alphabetically, then find things super quick. It does not matter if you have ten books or a million, you’ll find what you need super-fast.