## WHICH LETTER IS MISSING?

> By now your child may be able to arrange a sequence of letters to make his/her name. Help your child cut out the letter cards below and using them, have him/her show you how to make his/her name, putting the letters in the correct order. Be sure to have your child name the letters as s/he gets them in order. If your child can't do this yet, practice until s/he can do it without hesitation. Once your child can successfully put the letters of his/her name in order, play the game outlined below, which is called "Which letter is missing?"

> Have your child close his/her eyes. As your child's "partner", take one letter out of the sequence. Ask your child to name the letter that was taken. It might help to have a copy of your child's name written on a piece of paper to help him/her be successful. Be sure to take turns so your child gets a turn to be the person who takes a letter.

The point of this game is to reinforce the names of the letters of the alphabet in and out of sequence.

Once your child plays this game easily using his/her own name, try using names of your child's choice. If your child is stuck for a name, suggest your last name, the name of a pet, the name of the town you live in, or something else of relevance to you and your child. The more meaning in the word, the more ownership your child will take for it and the more engaging the game will be.

Have fun! $)^{-( }$

