

The Alphabet Basket

Host card | 3-8 players | Approx. 5-10 minutes | 1.0.0

Pack an imaginary basket from A onward. Repeat the growing list together and add one item on each turn.

Bring and set up

An optional alphabet strip or scrap of paper.

Sit in a comfortable circle and choose how far to play: A-H is a useful first target. Agree that imaginary items are welcome.

The host explains that helping is allowed. A player may ask for the first sound or pass their adding turn.

How to play

1. The first player names an A item. The next repeats it and adds a B item; continue in order.
2. After each person tries, the whole group may repair a missing item. Keep the agreed list fixed instead of changing earlier items.
3. When the target letter is reached, say the whole list together. Begin a new round with a fresh list rather than testing somebody who has already forgotten.

Packing the first four items

The list could begin apples, boots, carrots, drum. The fourth player says all four in that order. If they forget boots, a buddy can mime putting on footwear; the group still keeps the same list.

Three-part session

1. A to H: Pack eight familiar items. Use spoken clues whenever someone asks.
2. Silly basket: Start again with A. Allow oversized imaginary items, but keep the letters and order correct.
3. Recall together: Without adding more items, go around once and let each person supply the next item in the latest list.

Offer support

Use just A-D and draw each item as it is added. Children may name the picture while an adult explains its initial letter.

If something goes wrong

If two items were offered for one letter, choose one immediately and repeat the agreed list. Do not replace it silently later.

Finish together

Celebrate reaching the agreed letter. Let everyone name the most memorable item before putting the imaginary basket away.

Party Puzzle Parcel | Free host materials | Adult-led session; time is a planning estimate.

Rules reference: Project Gutenberg 8439; i have a basket. Original modern host instructions.