

		Act: KR1
Grade: K	Strand: Reading	Concept: Letter Recognition
Description of Task:	<b><u>Recognizing Letters KidPix 3</u></b> Students will use software to practise identifying letters of the alphabet.	
Expectations:	Ke23 – Identify most of the letters of the alphabet and demonstrate understanding that letters represent sounds and that written words convey meaning (e.g. read short labels, familiar signs; use phonics to recognize words); Ke29 – use a variety of media (e.g., computer software, tapes, filmstrips);	
Software Type:	Productivity Tool: Desktop Publishing KidPix Deluxe 3	
Computer Skills Prerequisite	Students must be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access and run the program</li> <li>• Use a mouse to click</li> <li>• Print letters on blank keyboard chart (optional)</li> </ul>	
Student Instructions: (for teacher)	1. Tell students they can use the computer to practice the letters of the alphabet. 2. Review some of the letters that start the names of students in the class, or objects in the room. 3. Remind students to cooperate at the computer, and to alternate roles.	
Teacher Notes:	<p>Ensure that students know how to access the program, and are able to select items by clicking with a mouse. Alternatively, a parent volunteer or student helper may assist the students.</p> <p>Earphones and/or speakers are essential for the auditory feedback, and sound must be working on the workstation.</p> <p>Have students work in pairs.</p> <p>Note: The alphabet stamps are only available in Small Kids Mode. To change to Small Kids Mode:</p> <p>Place the cursor in the empty black area at the top left of the screen. Click once. The File Menu will appear.</p> <p>Select Small Kids Mode.</p> <p>In this mode, the alphabet stamps are available when the Text tool is selected. The program “speaks” the name of each letter when it is selected.</p> <p>Further, the exit button is not enabled in Small Kids Mode, so students cannot inadvertently exit the program. To exit, turn Small Kids Mode off (same procedure as turning it on).</p> <p>Students may track letters completed on a blank keyboard sheet, writing in the names of the letters of the alphabet once found on the keyboard and completed (use toolbox_keyboard file in Toolbox folder).</p> <p>Related offline activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral naming of letters using plastic letter tiles or flashcards.</li> </ul>	
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Assessment:	Does the student identify most of the letters of the alphabet? (Curriculum) Does the student demonstrate courtesy and follow classroom procedures when making appropriate use of the computer? (Responsibility / Catholicity) Does the student press keys on keyboard using index finger? (Keyboarding)	

## Letter Recognition (KR1)



**Task:** Students practise identifying letters of the alphabet by selecting the letters and listening to the program identify the letters orally.

**Step 1:** Run KidPix.

**Step 2:** Click on the text tool in the button bar at the left of the screen. The letters of the alphabet appear at the bottom of the

**Step 3:** Point to a letter with your finger, and say the name of the letter.

**Step 4:** Ask your partner to click on the letter with the cursor. The program will say the name of the letter.

**Step 5: (optional)** After clicking on the letter, click on the empty workspace to “stamp” the letter on the screen. Type your name or other familiar words.

**NOTE:** To use the letter stamps, the program must be set to “Small Kids Mode”. From the file menu, select **Small Kids Mode >> Turn Small Kids Mode On**. The file menu is hidden. In order to see the menu, bring the cursor to the black area at the extreme top edge of the screen. The cursor will change to a triangle shape. After the cursor becomes a triangle, click once. The file menu will appear.

