Missing Letter/Busy Letter™

**The Idea:** One of the letters of the alphabet is missing because it is busy "at work" (in use) in words. Children/students are invited to "find" the missing letter in pages of words and sentences. The search process strengthens their letter recognition, writing, reading, and number skills.

**Components:** For each letter of the alphabet there are pages containing:
- a set of 26 alphabet squares with the one letter missing
- a group of words using the missing letter
- a second, sometimes more challenging group of words using the missing letter
- a group of simple sentences including words using the missing letter
- a group of Primer and Pre-Primer words, including sight words, the child might be expected to be able to read aloud that contain the missing letter

**To Play:** Show an alphabet with a missing letter.
Invite a child to name the missing letter.
Invite the child to find and circle the missing letter in words on the various sheets.
On the Primer and Pre-Primer page, invite the child to read the words aloud.
Optional activity: invite the child to count the uppercase and lowercase missing letters found on each page.
Which letter is missing?

Bb  Cc  Dd  Ee  Ff  Gg
Hh  Ii  Jj  Kk  Ll  Mm  Nn
Oo  Pp  Qq  Rr  Ss  Tt  Uu
Vv  Ww  Xx  Yy  Zz
Find examples of the letter A.
Draw a circle around each uppercase A and lowercase a.
Can you find 18 examples?

and all are at ate can
am black came eat
have make please said
saw that want what

How many uppercase A’s did you find? _____ How many lowercase a’s did you find? _____
Find examples of the letter A.
Draw a circle around each uppercase A and lowercase a.
Can you find 18 examples?

after always because
about call fast laugh
gave many shall Carol
walk small read warm

How many uppercase A’s did you find? _____ How many lowercase a’s did you find? _____
Find uppercase A’s and lowercase a’s in these sentences.

Draw a circle around each uppercase A and lowercase a. Can you find 15 examples?

Alice ate a warm snack.
Carol has a red balloon.
Andy read a story that made him laugh.

How many uppercase A’s did you find? ____  How many lowercase a’s did you find? ____
Find the a’s and say the words.
Draw a circle around each uppercase A and lowercase a.
Can you say the words?

Sam and any man can
mat cat sat hat ate all
map nap are fan ran a
rap cap rag tag am at

How many uppercase A’s did you find? _____ How many lowercase a’s did you find? _____