

# ANIMAL BABIES LIKE TO PLAY

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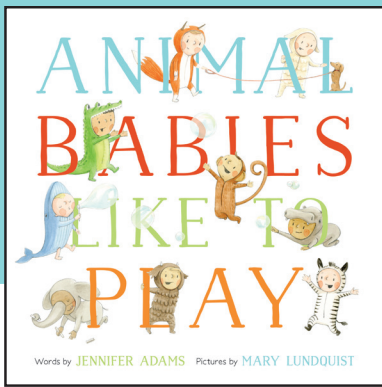
## ABOUT THE BOOK

Animal babies from Alligator to Zebra play, explore, and wonder in this celebration of children in all their glorious diversity.

## STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **ALPHABET SOUP:** Have the children sit in a circle and scatter a set of letter cards in the center of the circle on a big paper “soup bowl.” Have children take turns removing a card from the bowl and placing it in alphabetical order. When the soup bowl is empty, the alphabet should be complete.
- **MAKE A MATCH:** Divide the group in half. Give each child in one group a lowercase letter card. Give each child in the other group an uppercase letter card. At your signal, have the children walk around to search for their partner holding their matching letter. When the children find their match, the pair should sit down next to each other. When everyone has found their partner, have the children hold up their letter cards to show their matches to the rest of the group.
- **ABC ANIMALS:** List the animals from the book in alphabetical order. Have each child choose one to write about and illustrate on a card. Affix each card to a large chart in alphabetical order to create a colorful “ABC Animals” poster to display in the classroom.
- **NOW WE KNOW OUR ABCS:** Have the children create their own ABC book. First brainstorm topic ideas with the children (e.g., food, feelings, school, sports). Then, older children can make an individual book, while younger children can contribute to a book created by the group.
- **WHAT’S MISSING?:** Seat the children in a circle. Beginning with “A,” point to each child and have him or her say the next letter of the alphabet aloud. Continue until the last child has said “z.” Then, tell the children you are going to say part of the alphabet aloud, but there will be a letter or two missing (e.g., “h, \_\_, j, k”) and have the children guess the missing letter(s). You can write the string of letters on a chart as well so that the children have both auditory and visual cues.





# A to Z Babies

There are so many different types of animal babies!  
Can you match the baby to the animal?

1. Elephant

2. Alligator

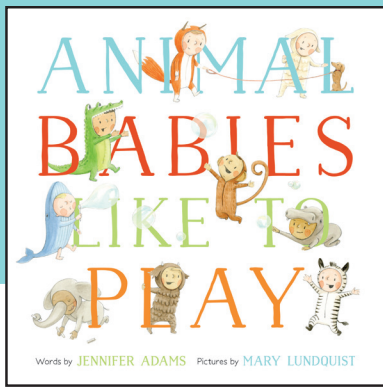
3. Octopus

4. Turtle

5. Whale



Answer Key: 1) D 2) A 3) E 4) B 5) C



# Which Baby Are You?

If you could dress up as an animal, which one would you choose?  
Draw the animal below!

