

Key Education Publishing Standards Correlation for *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium*

This product supports the NCTE/IRA *Standards for the English Language Arts* and the recommended teaching practices outlined in the NAEYC/IRA position statement *Learning to Read and Write: Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Young Children*.

NCTE/IRA Standards for the English Language Arts

This game supports the following standards:

1. **Students read many different types of print and nonprint texts for a variety of purposes.** To play *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium*, students must read and identify uppercase letters, lowercase letters, and pictures.
2. **Students use a variety of strategies to build meaning while reading.** This game builds letter identification and letter-sound correspondence skills essential to effective reading.
3. **Students communicate in spoken, written, and visual form, for a variety of purposes and a variety of audiences.** While playing *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium*, students communicate visually by matching game pieces with images on the game board.
4. **Students become participating members of a variety of literacy communities.** Having students play group games like *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium* is an effective way to build a classroom literacy community.
5. **Students use spoken, written, and visual language for their own purposes, such as to learn, for enjoyment, or to share information.** While playing *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium*, students use written and visual language to learn about letters and letter sounds and to have fun.

NAEYC/IRA Position Statement *Learning to Read and Write: Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Young Children*

This game supports the following recommended teaching practices for preschool children:

1. **Teachers promote the development of phonemic awareness through appropriate songs, finger plays, games, poems, and stories.** *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium* builds phonemic awareness by developing letter-sound correspondence.
2. **Teachers provide experiences and materials that help children expand their vocabularies.** Playing *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium* builds vocabulary as students match letters to pictures that represent words.

This game supports the following recommended teaching practices for kindergarten and primary grades students.

1. **Teachers provide opportunities for children to work in small groups.** Students play *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium* in small groups.
2. **Teachers provide challenging instruction that expands children's knowledge of their world and expands vocabulary.** Playing *I Spy Alphabet Aquarium* builds vocabulary as students match letters to pictures that represent words.