



FIND AND MAKE THE ALPHABET!

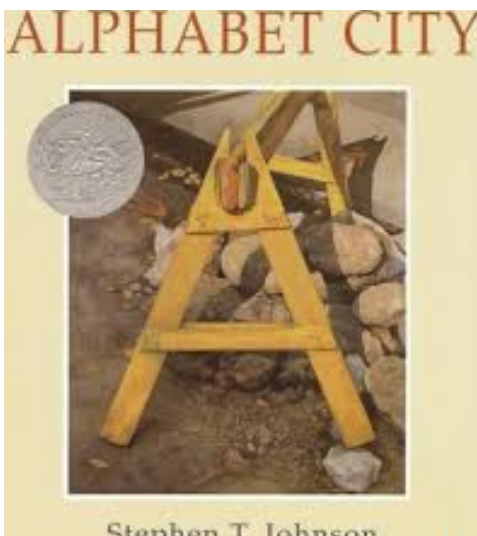
*Playing with language helps us discover how language works.
Listening and speaking helps us explore, share and develop our ideas.
Language and stories can be a source of creativity and joy.*

GATHER MATERIALS

- Your collection of *Beautiful Stuff* from your home or from nature (see Literacy Invitation Sept.28-Oct.1)) OR even from your kitchen or toy box.
- You could use paper/cardboard for a background or make your alphabet outside...use your imagination!
- A camera or iPad to take photos (optional)

LISTEN & IMAGINE

- Watch Alphabet City and see if you can find all the letters. Try tracing them with your fingers in the air while you watch.
- Think about what letter shapes you might have seen in your city or neighbourhood - or even in your house!



CREATE & SHARE

- After reading *Alphabet City*, go for a walk with your family and challenge each other to **FIND** as many letters as you can in your neighbourhood or when you go shopping. Take a photo if you want to remember them. You might want to draw them or use the photos to make an alphabet book next time.
- **MAKE** your alphabet. Look at your collection of *Beautiful Stuff* and think about what shapes you might need to help you make your letters. How will you choose different materials for certain letters of the alphabet? You might want to use **rocks** to make the letter "R" or fallen **acorns** to make the letter "A".
- Take a photo of your alphabet creation (optional).

GO BEYOND...

- Watch SEE IT, SAY IT, SIGN IT and learn sign language for each letter and the letter sounds for each letter of the alphabet with American sign language.

