

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Third-Letter Focus Worksheet

When the first TWO letters are the same, compare the THIRD letter. Example: can, cap, car, cat.

Part A: Put the Words in Order

1. Put these words in alphabetical order.

cat can cap car

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

2. Put these words in alphabetical order.

fit fix fig fin

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

3. Put these words in alphabetical order.

bag bat bad bar

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

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Third-Letter Focus – More Practice

Read from left to right. Only move to the next letter when the letters before it are the same.

4. Put these words in alphabetical order.

hop hot hog how

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. Put these words in alphabetical order.

sun sum sup sub

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Part B: Choose the Correct Answer

6. Which list is in the correct alphabetical order?

A. can, cap, car, cat

B. cat, car, cap, can

C. cap, can, cat, car

D. car, cat, can, cap

7. Which list is in the correct alphabetical order?

A. bed, bee, beg, bet

B. bee, bed, bet, beg

C. beg, bed, bee, bet

D. bet, beg, bee, bed

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Exam-Style Alphabetical Order

Circle ONE answer. These questions practise the same dictionary and ordering skills used in ESB reading tasks.

8. Which list is in the correct alphabetical order?

A. pin, pig, pit, pie

B. pie, pig, pin, pit

C. pig, pie, pit, pin

D. pit, pin, pig, pie

9. Which word comes FIRST in a dictionary?

A. fan

B. far

C. fat

D. fax

10. Which word comes LAST in a dictionary?

A. lip

B. lid

C. lit

D. lie

Part C: Dictionary Position

11. Circle the word that comes immediately AFTER "can" in a dictionary.

cap cat car cab

Answer: _____

12. Circle the word that comes immediately BEFORE "fit" in a dictionary.

fix fig fin fan

Answer: _____

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Dictionary Position Practice

Look carefully at the third letter. Write or circle the answer requested.

13. Where would the word "bat" come? Write the two words it would sit between.

bag bar bed

Answer: _____

14. Circle the word that comes BEFORE "sun" in a dictionary.

sup sum sit sunny

Answer: _____

15. Circle the word that comes AFTER "hog" in a dictionary.

hop hat him how

Answer: _____

Challenge

16. Put these six words in alphabetical order:

map man mat mad max may

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

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ANSWER KEY

Use the answers to check the order carefully. Notice which letter changes first.

Part A

Question	Answer
1	can, cap, car, cat
2	fig, fin, fit, fix
3	bad, bag, bar, bat
4	hog, hop, hot, how
5	sub, sum, sun, sup
6	A – can, cap, car, cat
7	A – bed, bee, beg, bet
8	B – pie, pig, pin, pit
9	A – fan
10	C – lit
11	cap
12	fin
13	bar and bed
14	sum
15	hop
16	mad, man, map, mat, max, may

Remember: first letter → second letter → third letter. Stop as soon as the letters are different.