

This is the order of the English alphabet—from left to right.

We need to know the order when we are trying to find words in the dictionary, names or places in a phone book, or when we are making lists that follow alphabetical order, and other times where organising words in this order makes it easy for users to find information.

Many of us have learned a song to remind us of the order of the alphabet.

Here is just one more way to make it easy to learn —a very short story. Words are used and placed in alphabetical order, according to the first letter.



(<u>Notes</u>: The symbol "&" is used to represent the word "and", but is not to mean the letter "a".

The word (for) is added like this, but does not represent the letter "f".

The letter "X" is also used in math to mean "times". So this story says "time" and the symbol "X" is to be used to represent the letter.)

A Beautiful Crisp Day! **Every Family's Going** Hiking. Isabella, Jason & Katie Like Mountain Nooks Or Places Quiet (for) Rest & Sleep There. Uncle Victor Whispers: **> "X** (time) (for) Your Zzz's."

(Zzz's: mean "sleep"; as in snoring!)

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*If two or more words start with the same letter, then you look at the second letter and use that to help you place the word in alphabetical order.

*If the first and second and third (or more) letters are the same, then you look at the third or fourth letter in the words to help you place them in order. ... And so on.

*If words start with the same letters, but one continues with more letters, the shorter one comes before the longer one.

