

# Z Is for Moose

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

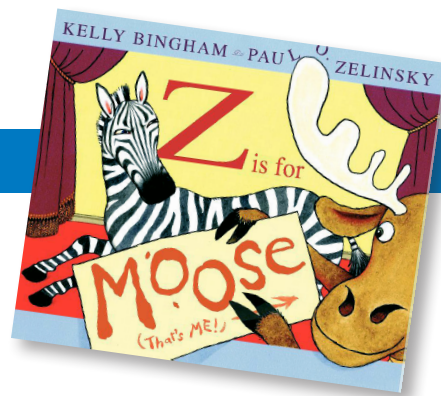
**Themes:** Alphabet, Friendship, Sharing, Literacy, Phonics

**Grade Level:** K

**Book Brief:** While Zebra tries to get the letters of the alphabet in order, an impatient Moose stirs up trouble.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, look at the cover:** What do you think is going on between Zebra and Moose? Are they friends? Are they mad at

each other? How can you tell?

**While reading, look at the pictures:** How do the pictures help tell the story? How many pictures can you find Moose in?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ How did Moose feel at the beginning/middle/end of the story?
- ◆ Why didn't Moose wait his turn?
- ◆ If you had been Zebra, what would you have done differently?
- ◆ How else could Moose have dealt with the problem?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### A IS FOR APPLE PIE!

Ingredients: graham cracker, apple (cut into small pieces), vanilla pudding, whipped topping, small cup or bowl, spoon

Crumble 1/4 of a graham cracker into a cup. Let your child help you measure 1/4 of the cracker. Put one spoonful of apple pieces on top. Add a spoonful of vanilla pudding and a spoonful of whipped topping. Enjoy!

### B IS FOR BUBBLES!

Materials: bubbles, a bubble wand

Practice counting and blowing bubbles! Take turns with your child to see how many bubbles you each blow. Count the bubbles. Write the numbers down

and compare. Try to blow more bubbles with each blow. Does blowing harder make more bubbles? Does taking a bigger breath make more bubbles? Add up the total number of bubbles you blew.

### C IS FOR COLLAGE!

Materials: old magazines, scissors, glue, paper

Pick a letter from the alphabet. Help your child search through old magazines for pictures of objects that begin with that letter. Cut out the pictures. Glue them on paper to create a fun collage.

Try gluing them into the shape of the letter your child chose.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT THE ALPHABET

*The Absolutely Awful Alphabet*, Mordicai Gerstein (2001),  
*Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First*, Alethea Kontis (2006),  
*Q is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game*, Mary Elting and Michael Folsom (2005).



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