



Getting Started with Osmo ABCs

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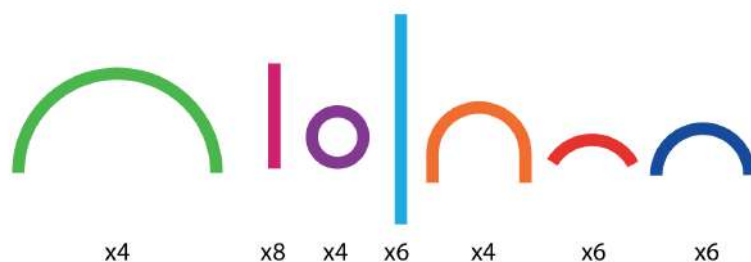
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What's Included?

To play Osmo ABCs, you'll need the following items from the Osmo Little Genius Starter Kit.

Sticks & Rings

- 8 pink short stick pieces
- 6 light long stick blue pieces
- 6 red curved pieces
- 6 dark blue curved pieces
- 4 green curved pieces
- 4 purple circular pieces
- 4 orange curved pieces




Play Mat



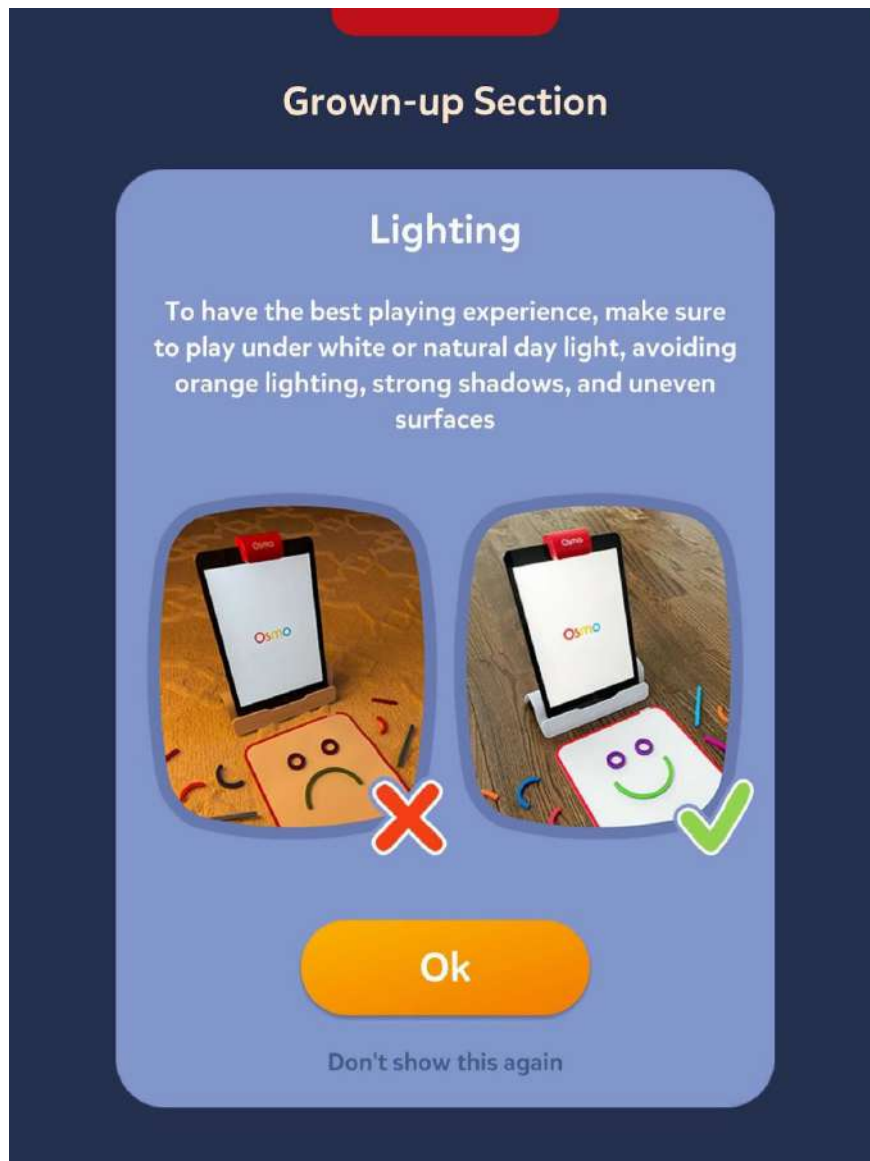
Osmo Base and Reflector



Grown-Up Section

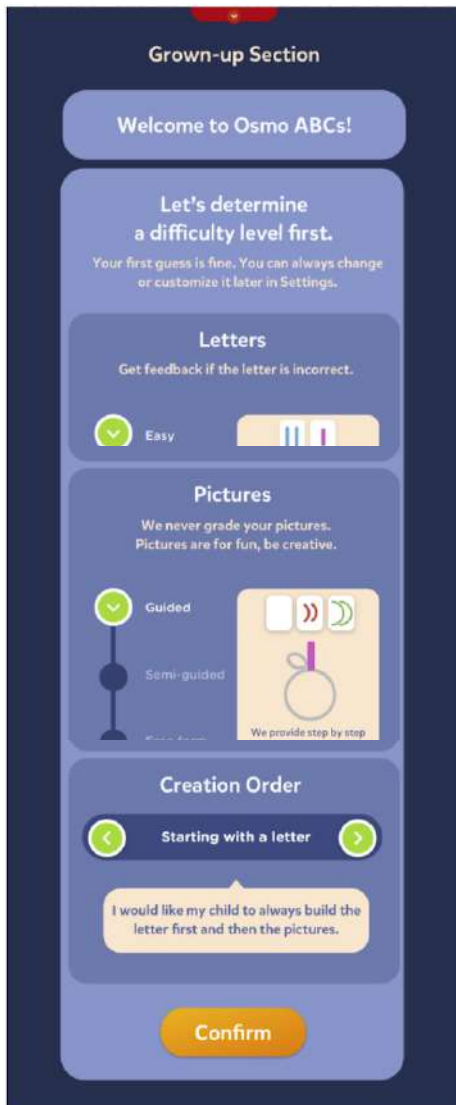
ABCs and Osmo games in general rely on proper lighting conditions to provide the best playing experience. Upon starting the game for the first time, the Grown-up Section will appear to show you the ideal lighting setup. Make sure to read through, then tap the  button to continue.

We encourage you to check the “**Best Practices for Effective Osmo Detection**” section at the end of this document to make the most out of your Osmo experience.



Getting Started with a Few Questions for the Grown-Up

When you start the game for the first time, you'll need to answer a few questions to make sure that ABCs is set to the right difficulty level for your child. Your first guess with these settings is fine; you'll be able to change or customize the difficulty level later in the Settings menu at any time.



The settings you'll be asked to adjust are:

Letters:

[Easy](#)

My child needs support forming letters and sounds.

[Medium](#)

My child knows how to form some letters and sounds.

[Hard](#)

My child knows how to form all letters and sounds.

Pictures:

[Guided](#)

My child prefers to be shown where to place the pieces to form their picture.

[Semi-guided](#)

My child prefers guidance on what pieces they need to place.

[Free form](#)

My child prefers to be creative by choosing their own pieces and building without guidance.

Creation Order:

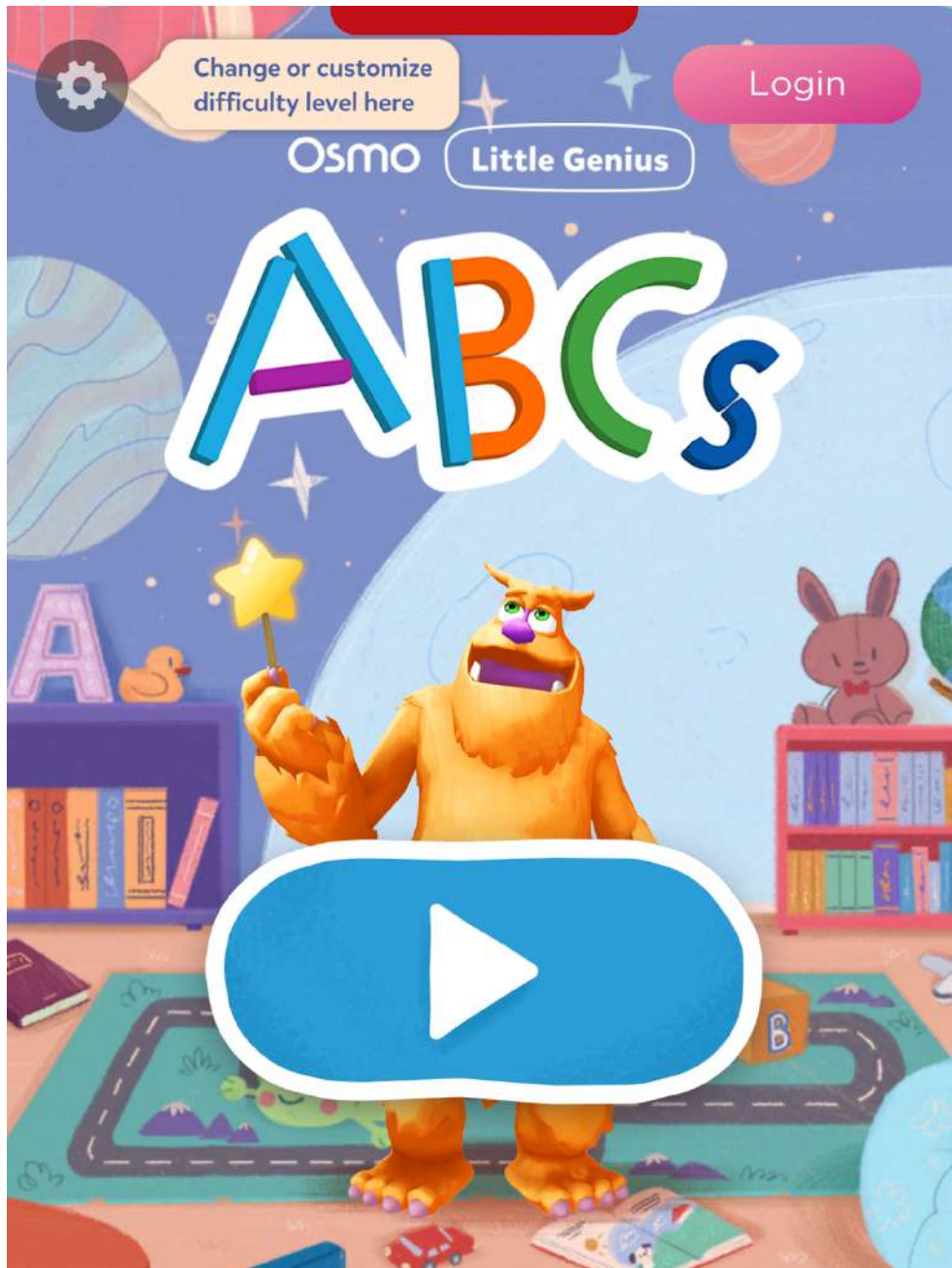
[Starting with a letter](#)

I would like my child to always build the letter first and then the pictures.

[Player's choice](#)


I would like my child to be able to choose whether they build the letter or picture first.

Once you've answered those questions, tap the "Confirm" button to save your settings and lead you to the Home Screen. From the Home Screen, tap  to start playing!




Other Options from the Main Menu Screen


Accessing your myOsmo Account

Tap  (or your avatar, if you're already logged in) in the upper right corner to view the myOsmo account screen. See this [guide to myOsmo accounts and profiles](#) for more information.


Start Playing

Tap  to start playing ABCs. If this is your first time playing, Mo will show you how to play.

Adjust Difficulty Settings

While you're on the Main Menu, tap . From there, you will be able to change all three difficulty settings.


Language Menu

While you're on the Main Menu, tap  in the upper left corner. Scroll down to Language and use the green arrows to switch between English (US), English (UK), English (India), Dutch, French, Japanese and German.


Returning to the Main Menu

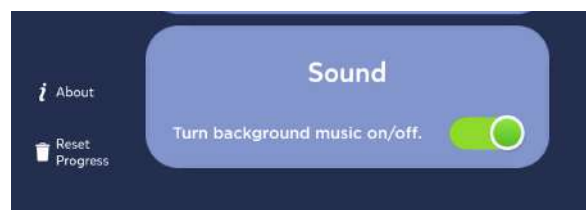
From the Book Selection Screen, tap  to return to the Main Menu.

Resetting Progress


While you're on the Main Menu, tap  in the upper left corner, and tap 'Reset Progress' in the bottom left corner. Be careful! All progress and unlocks will be lost and reset.

Turning the Background Music Off or On

While you're on the Main Menu, tap . Scroll all the way to the bottom, and toggle the Background Music to whatever you prefer.



Unlocking Two Letter Books

While you're on the Main Menu, tap . Scroll all the way to the bottom, and toggle the Unlock Digraphs and Unlock Blends buttons on to unlock Two Letter Books.

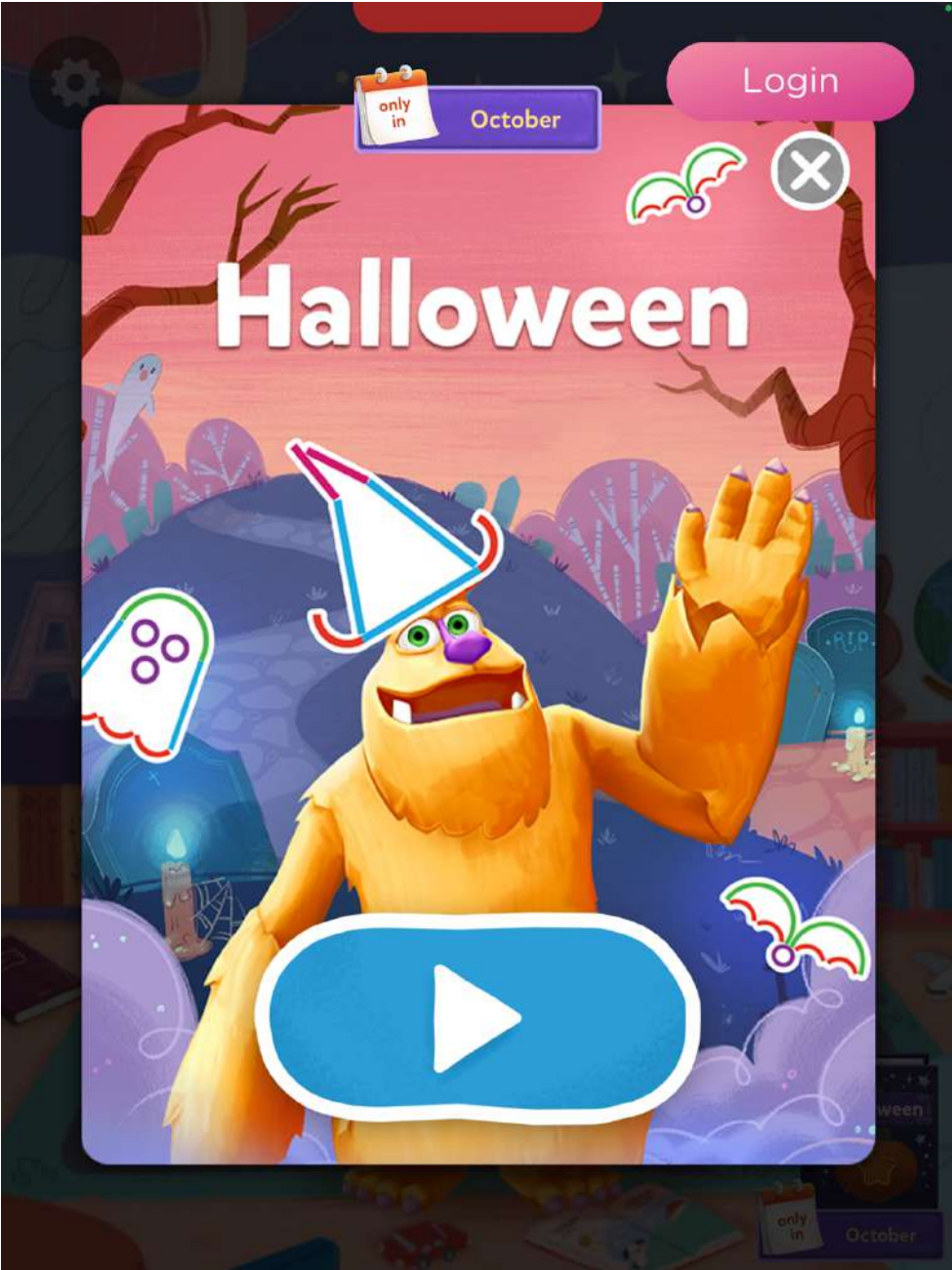


Two Letter Books are additional books that cover words consisting of digraphs and blends. Digraphs are two letters that come together to make a third new sound (“**Sh**” in “**Shell**”), and Blends are when two or more consonant letters blend together (“**Fr**” in “**Frog**”).

Two Letter Books are automatically unlocked once the child completes 40 letters (uppercase and lowercase) in the ABCs Book.

How to Play Special Books in ABCs

Depending on the month, Osmo's ABCs will have Special Books available for you. This includes theme-related books such as Holidays, Halloween, and more, each with unique pictures, letters, and loads of fun!



How to play the Special Book

Upon reaching the home screen of ABCs, you will have two different ways to access the Special Book (you will need internet access to download the Special Book the first time, so make sure your app is updated):

1. From **Mo's Library of Learning**: Mo will appear on scene as soon as you visit the library and let you know if a Special Book is available. **Tap the book** to access it.




2. From the **Home Screen**: Whenever there's a new book available, a button will be displayed on the bottom-right side of the title screen. To access the book, tap the Special Book button to display a pop-up window, and then tap the  button on that pop-up window.



Game Setup

To get started, grab your Osmo Base, Play Mat and Sticks & Rings!

1. Set up your tablet device in your Osmo Base. This may mean removing your case to make sure the device fits into the base correctly.
2. To have the best playing experience, make sure to play under white or natural daylight, avoiding orange lighting, strong shadows, and uneven surfaces.
3. Make sure you have the Osmo ABCs game app installed and ready to play.
4. Remove your Sticks & Rings from the stackable container. Set them aside within easy reach.
5. Place your Play Mat in front of the Osmo Base. Make sure to leave some space between the Play Mat and the Base. When you're done following these steps, tap  on the game app.



Mo's Library of Learning

Mo has a whole library full of letters to teach you! From here, you can select what skills you want to work on, what letters or pairs of letters you want to explore, and even what words you want to learn!

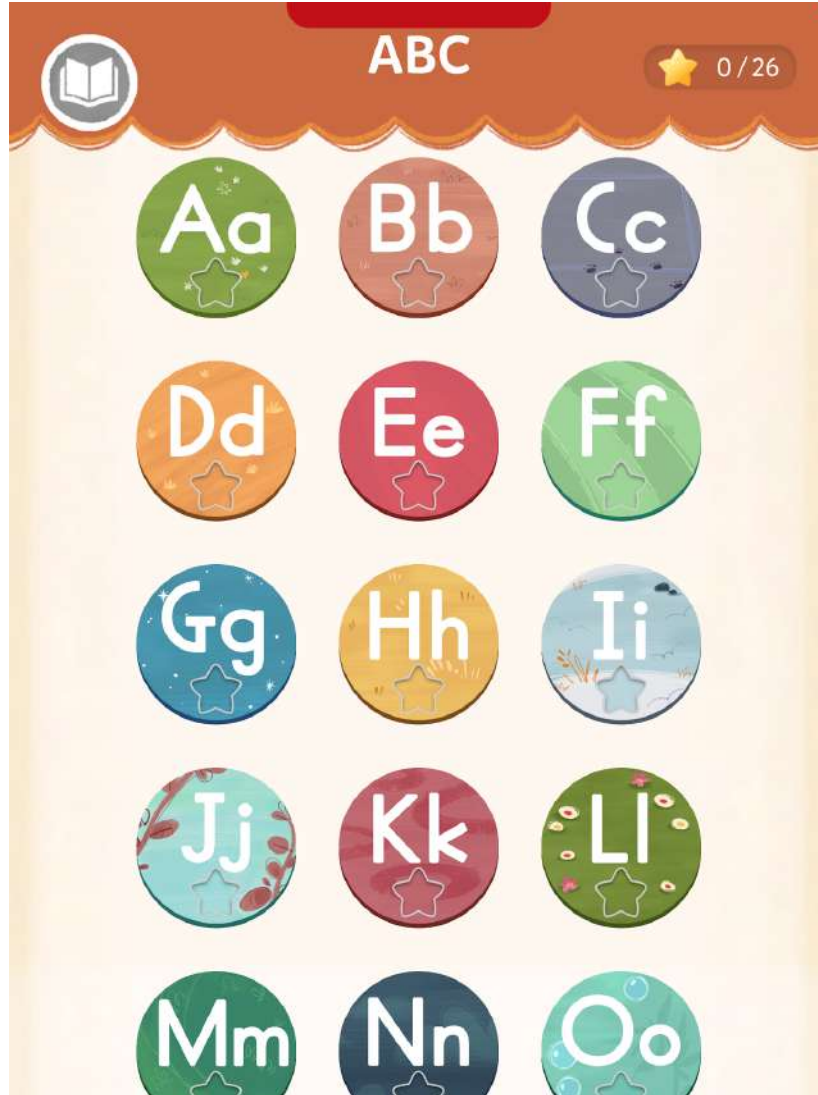
Picking a book

Tap on the book you wish to play to get started. Depending on your child's skill level, we would strongly suggest starting with either ABCs (which will have all the letters from A to Z) or the Special Book currently available (which will have special doodles related to monthly festivities such as Halloween, Holidays, etc.).



Picking a letter

Once you're inside of a book, you can choose what letter to go to. To select the letter, just tap on the icon on this screen:



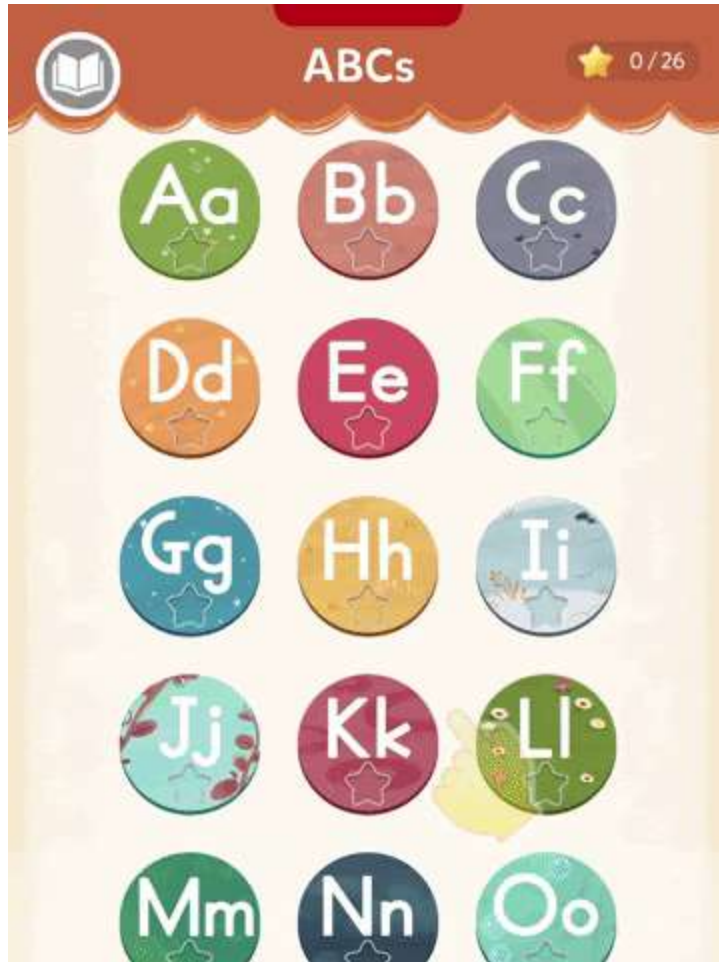
To earn a star, complete every letter and every doodle on that page!

You will have a star counter on the top-right corner of your screen. The star counter tracks how many completed letter pages you have.



The star counter will be full after all letters and doodles in the book have been created.

Some of the books inside Mo's Library will have more letters than others. Because of this, all of the letters won't fit on the screen of your device. For these types of books, the screen will be scrollable. To scroll down and access the rest of the letters, slide your finger up or down on the screen.

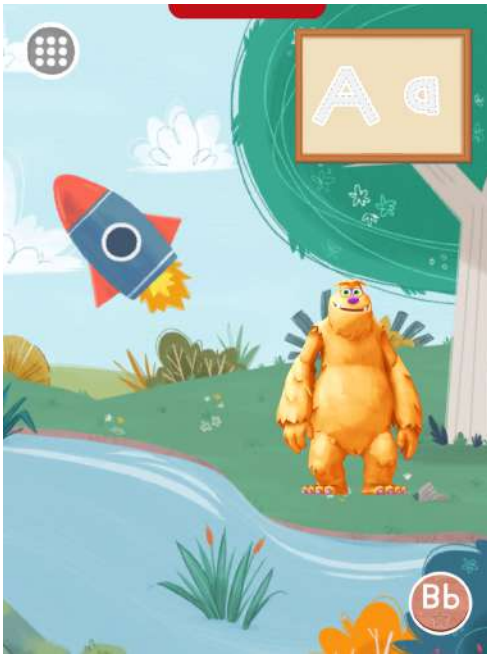


To return to the Book Selection screen, tap  .

Getting Started

Once you're inside of a letter page, you will see two possible screens.

If you have selected to make the letter first:



If you have selected to choose between letters and pictures at the start:




To start playing, just tap on the object you want to create! Objects you create will still be there the next time you come back, to enjoy or remake.



Any time you want to return to the Letter Selection screen, just tap .

Making Your Letters

Your experience making letters will be different depending on how you've set your Letter difficulty. At any difficulty, you'll need your Sticks & Rings to create the magic letter shown on the screen.

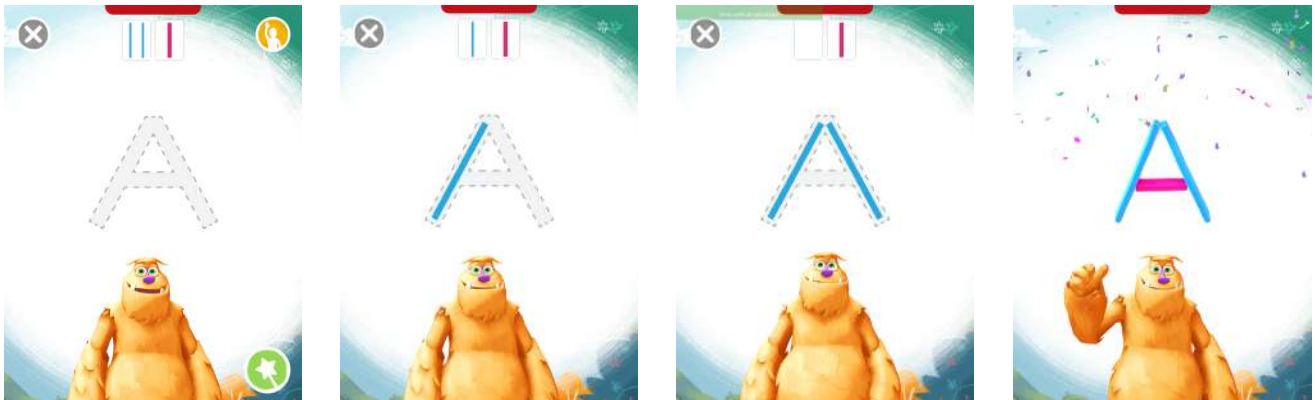
To stop making a letter and return to the book page, just press .



Easy

In Easy mode, Mo will begin by telling you the type and amount of Sticks & Rings you'll need to make your letter.



Then, Mo will walk you through the placement of the Sticks & Rings, step by step, until the letter is done.






When you're satisfied with your letter, you can press  to finish and have Mo pull it into the game. If you would like to try again, tap  to start over.

Medium

In Medium mode, Mo will not tell you what pieces you need, but they will appear in the Hint Boxes at the top of the screen.





You can press  for hints! The first time you press , Mo will tell you the pieces you need. The second time you press , Mo will walk you through making the letter, like in Easy mode.

Hard


In Hard mode, Mo will only give the outline of the letter.





The first time you press , Mo will tell you the pieces you need. The second time you press , Mo will walk you through making the letter, like in Easy mode.

Making Your Pictures

Your experience making pictures will be different depending on how you've set your Picture Difficulty. At any difficulty, you'll need your Sticks & Rings to create the magic letter shown on the screen.

To stop making a picture at any time, just press .

There's no wrong answer! Feel free to follow Mo's instructions, or let your imagination run wild! When you're satisfied with your picture, you can press  to finish and have Mo pull it into the game. If you would like to try again, tap  to start over.

Guided

Mo will start by explaining what Sticks and Rings you need to make your picture.



Then, Mo will show you a grey outline for the shape you're being asked to make.






Mo will then walk you through what pieces go where, until the picture is finished.



Semi-guided

The pieces you need to make the picture will start at the top of the screen in Hint Boxes, but Mo will not talk about which pieces they are, or walk through how to place them.





Even though there's no wrong answer, you can still press  for hints. The first time you press , Mo will tell you the pieces you need. The second time you press , Mo will walk you through the making of the picture, like in Easy mode.

Free form

In this mode, Mo will only give the outline of the picture.



The first time you press , Mo will tell you the pieces you need. The second time you press , Mo will walk you through making the picture, like in Easy mode.

Secret Picture Tip! One picture on each page will trigger a special animation when you first make it, and again each time you tap it. Find out which picture it is for every page!

Tracking Your Progress

Once you're inside of a letter page, you will have a progress bar on the bottom-left side of the screen. This will let you track how many letters and/or pictures you have to do before completing that specific page.



At first, the progress bar will be empty; however, after you complete one letter or one picture, the progress bar will start filling up. Once it's full, you win a star!





Finishing the Page

Everything you create will appear in Mo's magical books. On each letter page, when you make something for the first time, you'll get a celebration and a special star!






You'll be able to tell what letters you've completed in the letter picker screen by seeing which ones have stars.

At any time, even if you haven't finished the page, if you want to go to a different letter, just press  to go back to the letter selection screen. If you want to choose a new book, press  to go all the way back to the book selection screen.

Remaking Your Letters and Pictures

Upon completing a letter or picture, you can remake it again in case you want to repeat the activity. In order to remake any letters or pictures that you've previously completed, tap the letter or picture you'd

like to redo, and then tap the **Redo**  button. However, the  button will only be displayed for around 5 seconds before disappearing. In order to show the button again, just tap the letter or picture you'd like to redo. If you tap most completed letters and pictures, Mo will react to them and then the

 button will be displayed.



Special ABCs Expert Hint! Finish all the pictures and letters in each book for an even bigger, even more special celebration.

Best Practices for Effective Osmo Detection



1. Keep hands and fingers away from game pieces after placing them so that Osmo can see it.
2. Keep the reflector placed squarely in the center so the camera can see the play space.
3. Play in a well lit room, without hard shadows.
4. Make sure you're playing in the center of the playmat as much as possible.
5. Make sure the reflector is clean.
6. Make sure you are using a device that is compatible with Osmo. Please check [this list of Osmo-compatible devices](#).
7. If you experience any issues despite this setup, please reach out to support@playosmo.com for assistance.

Other Questions

What do I do if I lose a piece?

Please reach out to support@playosmo.com for assistance.

Can I clean the pieces?

Yes! The Sticks & Rings are made from food-grade silicone and are dishwasher safe. We recommend you place them in a fabric mesh bag before placing them in your dishwasher to keep them neatly in place. To clean the Play Mat, wash by hand using gentle soap, a soft cloth and water.