Aa

A is an astronaut, proud in its stance.
It is the tartness of apples and the act of a dance.
It often shows up just a few minutes late
But it always makes sure that it shuts your front gate.
A is in apple, alligator, and ant
It makes an “aaa” sound like a just-watered plant.
apple

ants

astronaut
$Bb$

B is a bear with a honey-filled belly.
It's the bread and the butter beneath the jelly.
B blows the best bubbles and bakes the best buns—
Wherever it goes, it has the most fun.
B makes a /b//b/ /b/ like a fish out of water.
It's in buddy and brother but never in daughter.
basketball
butterfly
banana
C curls its back like a cat on a rug.
It’s as sweet as it sounds—like cocoa in a mug.
C enjoys candy, cookies and cakes
But it also eats carrots to avoid stomach aches.
C sounds like ice when it breaks in the Spring
A delicate “ccc”—then the water’s flowing!
The text on the page includes the following words: cat, cow, carrots.
Dd

D is a doorway to dungeons down deep
Where there’s dragons and danger—
So don’t make a peep!
D is quite daring and explores without fear
It’s in donut and daisy and even in deer.
D makes a sound that starts in your throat.
A rumbling /d/ /d/ /d/ like a heavy drum note.
dog

dinosaur

duck
E e
E is the shape of teeth in a smile
Pearly white rows that can take you for miles!
E is in eggs and in elephant too
It is enormously useful in most words you can choose.
E makes the sound that resembles exhaling
A delicate "ehh"—you’re off if you’re wailing.
elephant
egg
edge
Ff

F is a fence built up around forests
Full of fairies and ferns—just ask Uncle Horace.
F plays the fiddle and focuses well
It is often forgotten which never feels swell.
F makes the sound of air leaving a tire
A whispering /f/ /f/ /f/ like the start of a fire.
feet
fan
fish
Gg

G makes the shape of a door with a handle
Or a curved candlestick minus the candle.
It is goofy good and giggly too
It is found in good goats at the zoo!
G sounds like the glugging of water in boots
Sloshing about—a wet /g/ /g/ /g/ at your roots.
gorilla

goat

gum
Hh
Hh

H is a home with two walls and a bridge. It likes humming and trimming its pretty hedge. H is in honey and holiday, too! It gives a firm handshake and asks: “how do you do?”

H makes the sound of a tired exhale. A breathy /h/ /h/ /h/ like the spout of a whale.
hippo

hamburger

horse
Ig
I is impressive—imagine life without I!
We wouldn’t have igloos or ink
Ayiyi!
I makes the shape of an insect we like:
The dragonfly’s body is the shape of an I.
I makes the sound of a note you can sing.
A rumbling /iiiiii/ while the instruments ring.
iguana

itch

igloo
Jj

J is the shape of a jolly fish hook
It curls up at the end which makes the fish look!
J is a jokester who joyfully juggles
It likes jelly and jumping and handstands with no struggle.
J makes a sound like jiggling jam
A wiggling /j/ /j/ /j/ of jam in your hand.
jellybeans

jacket

jet
Kk

K is the shape of a kingly throne
With two legs and two arms it takes a royal home.
K blows kisses to strangers and keeps kangaroos.
It is not a musician, though it plays the kazoo.
K makes the sound like the kick of a ball
A solid /k/ /k/ /k/ like soccer in fall.
keys

kite

kangaroo
Ll

L’s shaped like a person that’s sitting up straight
Not lazy or lilting—its posture is great!
L likes to lick lollipops and listen to tunes
It can roar like a lion or whistle like a loon.
L makes the sound of a bubble in water
A gentle /l/ /l/ /l/ sound as the bubbling gets stronger.
lions

lightening

ladybug
M

m
Mm

M is a mountain with two mighty peaks.
It moves its whole mouth whenever it speaks.
M does not mumble or mutter or meow.
It's in mouse and in man and the “moo” of a cow.
M is the sound that you make when you eat—
a long buzzing “mmm” when a meal is complete.
N
n
nest
**Nn**

N is a noodle—it zigs and it zags
It nods when it’s nervous and has been known to nag.
N is noble; it does what is right
It’s in noisy and nickel and in starry night
N sounds like /n/ /n/ /n/ on the tip of your tongue
The beginning of “no” or a song yet to be sung.
nest

noodles

nuts
Oo

O is an octopus, so wiggly and sweet.
It blows a quick kiss to whoever it meets.
O is also an Otter, Ox, and Ostridge.
And it makes a round shape of a soft tangy olive.
O is the sound you make when you learn—
A confident “/o/” as your thinking gears turn.
octopus

otter

olives
P p
$Pp$

P is a tongue sticking out between lips
It is proud as a peacock and when it dances it dips
It pickles for pleasure and pinches for fun
P is a trickster—a pretty good one!
P makes the sound of popping bubblegum
A sudden /p/ as your tongue goes a bit numb.
Qq

Q is round with a curl like a tail
It is regal and gentle like a queen or a quail.
Q has a close friend—the letter u—
Which follows it everywhere, old and new.
Q makes the sound of a quick-moving snap
A quiet /qu/ like your hands as they clap.
queen

quilt

quail
$Rr$

R looks strong in a stance that is planted
It likes rock and roll music and is rarely enchanted.
R roams through ravines and rides horses through ranches
It loves good adventure and takes lots of chances.
R makes the sound of a purring cat
A rumbling "rrr" as it curls on its back.
rainbow
ring
robot
Ss

S makes the shape of a slithering snake.
It feels good on your tongue like a smoothie or shake.
S can be silky—so smooth and so soft.
It’s in sneeze and in sleepy but never in cough.
S is a sound which you push through your teeth—
A simmering “sss” like the wind on a leaf.
sunflower
seahorse
snake
Tt

T stands up tall, with arms like a tree.
It takes its sweet time when it prepares tea.
T is in tiny, tower, and torch
But would never cause trouble out on your front porch.
T makes a sound like a tractor that's starting.
With a tough /t/ /t/ /t/ the engine is running
turtle

toothbrush

tiger
Uu

U is a letter that scoops up from the ground
If you’ve lost it just check after T and it’s found!
U is the umbrella keeping everyone dry
It understands how you’re feeling and wipes your tears when you cry
U is a sound you make when unsure
A wavering “uhh” until the answer occurs.
V v
\textit{Vv}

V makes the shape of a sloping green valley  
Tumble down if you must—don’t dilly dally!  
V plays violin and checks its face in the mirror  
It’s vain about looks and fluffs its hair when you’re near.  
V makes the sound of a car that is veering  
A powerful /v/ /v/ /v/ as the driver is steering.
violin

vase

violet
W makes the shape of salt-water waves
It whines and it whistles as it crashes into caves.
W waltzes and wears fairy wings.
On its birthday, it wishes for wonderful things.
W sounds like the wind through the air
Weather that whips with a /w/ /w/ /w/ through your hair.
watermelon
window
watch
Xx

X is the shape of two crossing tracks.
Down each there roam oxen with loads on their backs.

X is a letter that likes to hide out
It’s in axe and in box and the pixies among the sprouts.

X makes a sound like a jump in a puddle
A splashing /kssssss/, then relax without trouble.
x-ray

xylophone

x-ray fish
Yy

Y is the shape of a figure reaching up
Two arms spread wide open in a shape like a cup.
Y plays with yo-yos and eats yogurt for dinner
It competes with its yodeling and is often the winner.
Y makes the sound of a person agreeing
A positive /y/ /y/ and some nodding for meaning.
Zz

Z makes the shape of a sharp lightning bolt.
It’s bright and it’s zippy; it moves with a jolt.
Z is for zebra, all covered in stripes
They are found at the zoo eating plants of all types.
Z makes the sound of a passing-by fly
A loud busy /z/ /z/ /z/ as the bug buzzes by.
zebra
zipper
zookeeper