• Hunt for more real-world objects across the entire alphabet! Starting with A, you might find an ant outside, a picture of an antelope or alligator in a magazine, or an apple from the fridge to compare with the mini replica provided in the set. Can you find a match for every letter—even X and Y?! This makes for a fun nature-walk activity, pointing out the sun, moon, trees, different insects, and more!

• Alphabet scramble! Line up all the acorns, but in a randomized order. Can your child sort out this mess and get the letters back where they belong? For an extra challenge, let the mini figures stand in for the letters (i.e., the apple for A, the octopus for O, the whale for W, and so on).

• Build words together! Find pictures in a book or online, or use cards depicting pictures of simple c-v-c (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, such as bat, cat, dog, man, log, can. Hold up the picture and help your child build it by lining up the acorns in correct formation.

• Alphabet race! Scatter several acorns and mini figures across the play area. Keep a container with you at the front of the room. Call out a letter (“P!”). The child will race to collect the matching acorn or figure, bring it back to you, and drop it into the container. Continue until all the letters have been collected. Use a timer, play several rounds, and challenge your child to set a new personal best!