

MATERIALS

- Alphabetical Plants reproducible (page 27)
- scissors
- garden catalogs or magazines
- glue
- large index cards
- pocket chart

Alphabetical Plants

OBJECTIVES

Students will

- learn the names of different plants.
- place words in alphabetical order.

In advance, make a set of "plant cards." Cut pictures of flowers, shrubs, vegetables, and trees from garden catalogs or magazines. Glue each picture to an index card, and write the common plant name on the card. Review alphabetical order with the class. Emphasize what to do if the words begin with the same first or second letters. Divide the class into small groups. Give each group several plant cards. Give each student an Alphabetical Plants reproducible. Invite groups to place their plant cards in alphabetical order, and have students record the order on their own reproducible. Then, bring the groups together, and ask one group to read aloud their alphabetized list, as you arrange the corresponding plant cards in a pocket chart. Leave a space between each card. Then, challenge other students to show a card that could be added to any of the spaces, still retaining the alphabetical order. Collect all the plant cards, and shuffle them. Give each group a new set of plant cards to alphabetize and record on their reproducible. Collect the plant cards, and use them for additional activities.

