

# Manic Alphabet

**Touch every letter in order, as quick as possible!** This game can be played by yourself, although it's best as a team. And it can be played inside or out, but you might find more space outside.

- 1 Clear an area of the floor and **mark out a circle** a couple of metres across, using something like string, toilet paper or washing up line.
- 2 Cut out **26 circles** from paper or cardboard from the recycling. If you trace around the bottom of a cup, that would be a good size.
- 3 Write a **different letter** of the alphabet on each one. Now, lay the alphabet out in the circle you have marked on the floor, **all jumbled** up in a random order, with the letters **facing up** so you can read them.
- 4 Mark out a **start/finish line** a few metres away, and wait behind it.
- 5 Your challenge is to see how **quickly** you can run over and touch all the letters in alphabetical order with your hand, then run back to the finish line. You can do this as **individuals**, taking it in turns. Or, you can do it as a **team**, with each person touching a share of the letters (e.g. with 2 players - you each touch half the letters). Remember to **time your attempt**.
- 6 When you're done the real challenge begins... **can you do it quicker?**

## 3 Key Rules

The alphabet circles cannot be **moved**.  
Timing **starts** when the first team member crosses the start line, and **stops** when the last crosses the finish.  
Only **1 person** in the circle at a time. Letters touched when more than 1 person is in the circle won't count.

Remember to wash your hands after playing!

Good luck!

