Objective
The student will match initial phonemes to graphemes.

Materials
▶ Small brown paper bags
  *Label each of 26 bags with one letter of the alphabet.*
▶ Print resources (e.g., magazines and catalogs)
  *Review the print resources to ensure the information is appropriate for young children.*
▶ Scissors

Activity
Students sort pictures by initial sounds into bags labeled with the letters of the alphabet.
1. Place paper bags in alphabetical order on a flat surface. Place print resources and scissors at the center.
2. The student cuts 10-20 pictures from the print resources.
3. Names each picture, says its initial sound (e.g., “basketball, /b/”), and places picture in corresponding bag.
4. Continues until all pictures are sorted.
5. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
▶ Check the pictures in the bags for initial sound matches during a whole group activity.
▶ Use pictures to make a class alphabet book.
▶ Sort pictures by final or medial sounds.
ant, apple, alligator, ax, ape, apron
acorn, alien, beach, banana, backpack, camel
cane, candle, carrot, doughnut, dragon, deer
door, egg, elf, elbow, envelope, equal

2 + 2 = 4
eagle, easel, eat, four, finger, feather
phonics

fire, grapes, guitar, gold, glue, heart
hippopotamus, horse, hammer, inch, igloo, ice
iron, jump, juice, jacket, jacks, kangaroo
key, kick, kite, ladder, lamp, lion
leash, mailbox, map, mouse, mirror, nail
necklace, needle, nurse, octopus, ox, olive
ostrich, open, oatmeal, pretzel, pillow, pear
piano, quill, queen, question, quarter, rabbit
read, rainbow, ruler, sandwich, saw, seven
snake, timer, ten, tire, triangle, umbrella
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**Phonics**
 volcano, wagon, wallet, watch, window, yarn
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web, shark, shell, ship, shoe, thermometer
thimble, thorn, thirty, check, chin, cheese
chimney, owl, ouch