Hot Dots® Jr. Cards: Beginning Phonics

The Hot Dots® Jr. Beginning Phonics Cards prepare children for classroom learning in a fun, interactive way. Use the cards with “Ace”—the Talking, Teaching Dog™ or “Kat”—the Talking, Teaching Kitty™ (both sold separately) for independent review and practice with phonics, or use the cards by themselves as traditional flash cards. This set provides practice with letter sounds, initial sounds, final sounds, and rhyming words.

What’s on Each Card?

- Directions
- Card number
- Match the pictures with the same *beginning* sound.
- Hot Dots® answer choices

Using the Cards with “Ace”—the Talking, Teaching Dog or “Kat”—the Talking, Teaching Kitty

Ace or Kat (sold separately) add instant, self-checking feedback to independent practice. When the cards are used with Ace or Kat, children receive electronic answer reinforcement in two ways:

- Touch a **CORRECT** answer dot on the card and children are instantly rewarded with a glowing green light, a cool phrase, and a variety of motivating sounds. Sometimes the pen will even shake and giggle!
- Touch an **INCORRECT** answer dot on the card and the pen glows red and gently provides encouraging words and sound effects.
Before letting children work independently, demonstrate how to use the cards and the pen. Choose a sample card, read the directions, and select the correct answer choice. Show children how to position the pen on the center of the answer dot next to the answer choice. Demonstrate what happens when an incorrect Hot Dot answer choice is selected.

**Tips:**
- Make sure the cards rest on a hard surface when using the pen on them.
- Never laminate the cards.

**Using the Cards as Traditional Flash Cards**

Hold up a card with the question facing the child. Have the child identify the picture or letter and then say the answer. The answer for each question is shown on the Answer Key.

EI-2350 “Ace”—the Talking, Teaching Dog™ (sold separately)
EI-2349 “Kat”—the Talking, Teaching Kitty™ (sold separately)