

ALPHABET BEACH BALL

Summary: Alphabet Beach Ball is a game that can be played in a room, in a backyard, or at a park. It is really versatile. Children love to talk! And talking about ourselves is the BEST! This is a great way to get to know a child just a little better. For Alphabet Beach Ball, all you have to do is decide which questions would be appropriate for your age group. Simply think of questions that you would like to be asked or things you would like to know that could help you advocate for their best interests. Below is a starter list of fun questions. Choose the ones that work for your circumstances. With this game, you are guaranteed to have a BALL!

Ages: 5 and up

Equipment:

1) The largest inflatable beach ball you can find. Dollar tree has beach balls!

2) Permanent Marker – Black is fine, but several colors are more fun!

Set Up: Write the alphabet on the beach ball with the permanent markers. You can also use numbers. The more questions you want on the ball, the smaller you will need to write. Choose questions from the lists below or design a few of your own.

How to Play: Begin by throwing the ball to the child. The child catches the beach ball using both hands. The one who caught the ball must answer the question that their right thumb is touching. After answering the question, the child then throws the ball to you.

Benefits for children

- Listening skills
- Gross-motor skills
- Communication
- Taking turns

- Non-intimidating approach to tough questions
- Brain and body moving together
- Reading and oral practice

- A. Describe your perfect dessert?
- B. What is a song or album you have listened to recently?
- C. What did/do you want to be when you grow up?
- D. What is the hardest class you ever took?
- E. What did you do at recess as a kid?
- F. Tell something that not many people know about you.
- G. If you could have a pet, what would it be and why?
- H. What makes you mad?
- I. If you were a natural disaster what would you be and why?
- J. If you could only eat one food for your whole life, what would it be, why?
- K. What does your typical Saturday morning look like?
- L. What is one of your favorite things to do in Fort Wayne?
- M. Tell your favorite article of clothing, why?
- N. What is the strangest food you have ever tried?
- O. If you could have chosen your name what would you have chosen?
- P. What is something that you currently want to buy?
- Q. What makes you extremely happy?
- R. If you could give someone advice what would it be?
- S. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
- T. What is your favorite way to waste time?
- U. Tell about the best advice you have ever received?
- V. What is your favorite physical characteristic about yourself?
- W. What is your favorite summer activity?
- X. If you could be an animal what would it be and why?
- Y. Tell about an injury you have had.
- Z. If you had a day to do whatever you wanted to do, what would you do?
- 1. What makes you stressed?
- 2. What is your favorite class you have ever taken?
- 3. What is the best vacation you have been on?
- 4. Tell about something funny that has happened to you.
- 5. What is your pet peeve?
- 6. If you were to be stranded somewhere, where would you hope to be stranded?
- 7. If you could have any superpower what would it be and why?
- 8. Finish this sentence. The thing I remember most about High School.
- 9. Finish this sentence. The things I value most are
- 10. Finish this sentence. The thing I would most like to accomplish this year
- 11. If you won a certificate for a free tattoo, would you get it? What and Where?
- 12. What are three things you loved about 2020.
- 13. Who is the most famous person you ever met. How did you meet?
- 14. What is something you are glad you did but would never do again.
- 15. What is your best "quirky talent".
- 16. The person who had the greatest influence in my life is...
- 17. My most embarrassing moment was..
- 18. Best childhood memory.