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Real-life experience activity – Folding a uniform

- Show children a pile of unfolded uniforms and ask children for help.
- Invite Big Letter U to demonstrate the steps of folding a uniform.
- Give each child a school uniform to fold.
- Invite children to fold the uniforms by guiding them to:
 - place the uniform face down on a flat surface.
 - fold the sleeves into the centre of the back.
 - fold the uniform in half so that the shoulders are touching.
 - complete the fold by bringing the bottom hem of the uniform to meet the collar.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to the name of the object: uniform.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the word (e.g., uniform).
- Invite children to thank Big Letter U for teaching them.

Storytelling – Small Letter u Finding the Underwear

One morning, Big Letter U wanted to take a shower before going to school. After Big Letter U finished taking a shower, he noticed that he had left his underwear outside.

Big Letter U shouted, ‘Small Letter u! Can you help me?’ Small Letter u ran into the bathroom and asked, ‘What’s the matter?’ Big Letter U said, ‘I have left my underwear outside. Can you get my underwear for me? My underwear is blue.’ Small Letter u said, ‘Okay,’ and then went to look for Big Letter U’s underwear.

Small Letter u went into the bedroom and saw something blue in the toy box. Small Letter u said, ‘**Oh! It must be Big Letter U’s underwear!**’ He pulled it out and found a hat. Small Letter u was unhappy and kept on looking.

Small Letter u opened the closet and saw something blue inside. Small Letter u said, ‘**Oh! It must be Big Letter U’s underwear!**’ He pulled it out and found a uniform. Small Letter u was unhappy and kept on looking.

Small Letter u saw something blue on the chair. Small Letter u said, ‘**Oh! It must be Big Letter U’s underwear!**’ He picked it up and found a smelly sock! Small Letter u was unhappy and kept on looking.

Suddenly, Small Letter u saw something moving under the pillows. Small Letter u looked closely and said, ‘Oh! It’s something blue but it’s moving! Can it be Big Letter U’s underwear?’ Small Letter u went near the pillows and pulled it out! Meow! Small Letter u found the blue underwear! The cat was playing with it under the pillows. What a naughty cat!



Extended activity related to the story

- Game: Clothes hunt
 - Prepare two boxes with pictures of uniforms and underwear hidden inside. Mark one box with the letter U and one box with the letter u.
 - Prepare two clotheslines on the other end of the room with clothespins.
 - Divide children into two teams and each team lines up behind one of the boxes.
 - Invite the first child of each team to find a cutout (uniform or underwear) in the box, name the item, and hang it on the clothesline as quickly as possible. The faster group that hangs all of the pictures on the clothesline wins.
 - Repeat the game if time allows.

Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Making a new school uniform with plastic bags and gluing on the letter U/u
- Making a toy ukulele from a tissue box, a tissue roll, and rubber bands
- Making an umbrella with paper and straws and pasting the letter U/u on it
- Creating a picture using the letter U/u
 - Give each child a piece of white paper with the letter U/u printed on it.
 - Invite children to draw a picture using the letter U/u (e.g., the letter U is shaped like the handle of an umbrella).
- Making udon noodles in soup



Suggested books



Book Title

1. *Pants*
2. *The Big Umbrella*
3. *U Is for Underwear*
4. *Under the Sea (Usborne Lift and Look Board Books)*

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