Read *A Dog Named Doug* by Karma Wilson. It’s a rhyming story about a dog who loves to dig.

Write a word and turn one letter into a picture the way Doug’s dirt piles and holes were letters in the story. This helps children learn the shapes of letters.

Talk about some of the locations that Doug’s digging takes him. Look them up on a map or in a book to learn some new vocabulary words.

The Doggie Pokey
You put your dog paws in, / you take your dog paws out. / You put your dog paws in and you shake them all about. / You do the doggie pokey and you turn yourself about. / That’s what it’s all about! / Other verses: *nose—sniff / ears—flop / tail—waggle*

Play in the garden and dig holes in the dirt. Use different tools and see which works best.

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