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Sample Reproducible Letter Sound Stories

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Lively Letters™



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CHANGING LIVES, ONE LETTER AT A TIME.

Reproducible Dialogue Boxes for Presenting the Lively Letters™ Lowercase Characters

Photocopy, cut, and adhere the dialogue boxes to the back of the Lively Letter picture cards.

T- Quiet Tongue Dancing Sound

“What are you doing when you make this sound? ‘T.’ Can you make that sound? ‘T.’ That’s right! You’re using your tongue! What is your tongue doing? (Make quiet tapping sounds with tongue to imitate tap dancing sound, ‘T-t-t-t-t,’ while lightly tapping fingernails on the desktop.) It sounds like your tongue is tapping, dancing up there, behind your teeth, doesn’t it? We can call this the tongue dancing sound. Let’s see if our voices are on or off. ‘T.’ Oh, our voices are off, so this is the quiet tongue dancing sound! (Introduce picture.) This tongue is quietly dancing, on the top of the mouth behind the teeth. Tap your fingers quietly on the table while you make that sound. He has sneakers on, so he won’t make much noise. He keeps his arms out for balance while he quietly dances. You can hold your arms out like that too while you make that sound. ‘T.’” (Students may enjoy acting out this letter, putting their arms out and tap dancing while making the sound.)

Hand cue: Tap fingers or fingernails quietly on the table.

Pronounced as in “ten”

D – Noisy Tongue Dancing Sound

“Did you know that the quiet tongue dancing sound, ‘T,’ has a noisy partner? You’re still going to tap your tongue up there behind your teeth, but this time, put your voice on. What sound does it make? ‘D.’ Can you make that sound? ‘D.’ (Show picture.) This is our noisy tongue dancing sound. Tap the table loudly while you make that sound. ‘D.’ He’s still a tongue that’s tapping up there, but he likes to make a lot of noise. Do you see his very big tummy? He likes to tap on it like it’s a noisy drum, ‘D-d-d-d!’ (Tap your hands onto your stomach, like it’s a drum.) You can tap on your tummy too when you make that sound. See his big, noisy, tap dancing shoes? They remind us that he makes a lot of noise when he dances. Whenever you see that huge tummy that looks like a drum, tap on it like it’s a drum and make the noisy tongue dancing sound, ‘D-d-d-d.’”

Hand cue: Tap loudly on the table as if banging on a drum, or tap on your stomach like it’s a noisy drum. Pronounced as in “dog”

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M – Nose Sound, Lips Closed

“How do we make this sound? ‘Mmmm.’ Can you make that sound? ‘Mmmm.’ We put our lips together when we make this sound. But, if our lips stay closed, where is that sound coming from? ‘M.’ Let’s see if you can make this sound while you pinch your nose closed. (Pinch your nose closed.) ‘M.’ (produced quickly) You can’t! This sound’s coming from your nose! This is a nose sound with closed lips. Touch your nose and see if you can feel it turn on when you say ‘Mmmm.’ (Hold bridge of nose to feel the vibrations.) (Show picture.) Look at the mouth on this letter. Do you see how the lips are closed? Look at that big nose, too. He can smell cookies baking. (Rub your stomach, like something is delicious.) He rubs his tummy, because those cookies smell delicious. Can you try rubbing your stomach too, when you make this sound? ‘Mmmm.’”

Hand cue: Pinch your nose with your index finger and thumb of one hand, or rub your tummy as if smelling something delicious.
Pronounced as in “mop”

N – Nose Sound, Lips Open

“This sound is a little bit like the ‘M’ sound we learned about. Say, ‘Nnnnn.’ Try to say ‘Nnnnn’ while you pinch your nose closed again. ‘N.’ (produced quickly) Oh, we can’t do it! This is another nose sound, but this time what are our lips doing? ‘Nnnn’ Are they closed or are they open? ‘N.’ On this nose sound, our lips stay open and our tongues go up in the front. This is our nose sound with lips open. Touch your nose and see if you can feel it turn on when you say this sound. ‘N.’ (Feel the bridge of your nose and direct children to do the same.) (Show picture.) See how this mouth is open? He’s kind of nosy and he’s always getting into everyone’s things. One day his mother saw a lot of toys on the floor, and she said, ‘Did you make that mess on the floor?’ He shook his head and said, ‘N-n-n-no.’ Can you shake your head, from side to side, like you’re saying, ‘No?’ Say, ‘N’ while you’re doing that.”

Hand cue: Pinch your nose and shake your head back and forth as if saying, “No.”
Pronounced as in “nut”