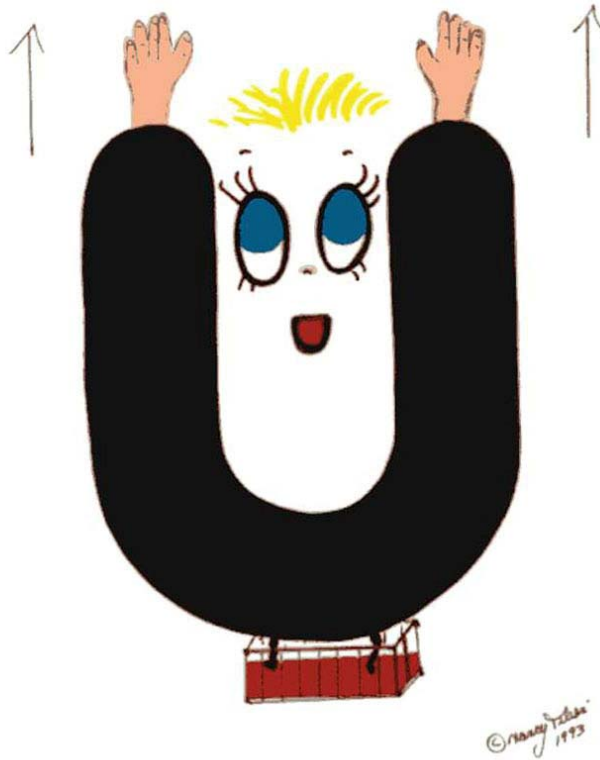


Lively Letter Stories

Short Vowel u – The Toddler



(Show picture.) “This is a little toddler who’s two years-old. Later on, she will get into a lot of trouble, but right now she’s in her playpen, or crib, and wants to get up. Where are her hands going? Up! Let’s put our hands up like that. Look at the shape it makes out of our arms and body – the letter *u*! (Use hand to air-draw a letter *u* from student’s hand, down across shoulders, and up the other arm.) Right now the baby’s saying that she wants to get ‘u-u-u.’ (Leave the ‘p’ off of the word *up* or students may include it as part of the letter sound.) Let’s put up our arms again and say ‘u-u-u.’ Later on, the toddler is going to get into trouble, but right now she just says ‘u.’”
Hand cue: Reach both arms up high, opening and closing your hands.