

Letter Listening

Purpose: Students will match letters to letter sounds.

Materials: Index cards or flash cards with letters on them (upper case, lower case, or upper and lower case). Cardboard paper tubes such as paper towel tubes or toilet paper tubes.

Activity:

1. Divide the class in half.
2. Give each of the students in one half of the class a letter card. Ask them to take their letter cards with them while they scatter around the room to sit in chairs. Have the other half of the class stand together in one part of the room. Give each of the students in this half of the class listening tubes (cardboard tubes). Ask them to stand quietly and listen for cars, birds, etc. while you work with the other half of the class.
3. Ask the students sitting in chairs to look at their letter cards and quietly make the sound of their letters. (If you have an uneven number of students, pair two students together to have them either make a sound together or make two sounds for the same letter such as the hard and soft “g.”)
4. Check that each student is making the correct sound for his or her letter. If the student is making the correct sound, collect his or her letter card and ask him or her to continue making the sound quietly. When everyone in the room knows the sound of their letters, pass the letter cards out to the “listeners” and let them walk around the room until they find the sounds that match their letter cards.
5. When everyone has match, switch and let the seated students be listeners. This activity can be simplified by only using a few letters and sounds.

You can record an individual student's understanding of this activity by checking the appropriate column for level of mastery and noting the date on which the activity took place.

Student's Name	<u>Developed</u> ***	<u>Developing</u> **	<u>Minimal</u> *	Date

*** Student is able to easily match a printed letter to the letter sound.

** Student has some difficulty matching a printed letter to the letter sound.

* Student is unable to match a printed letter to the letter sound.