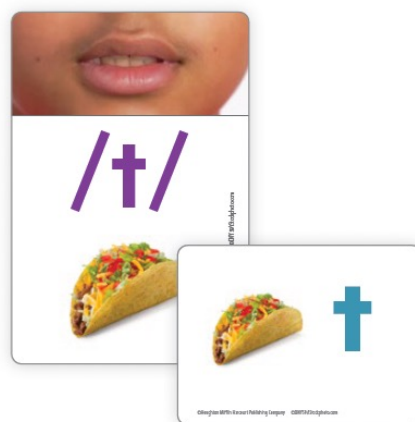


INSTRUCTIONAL ROUTINE

Letter Sounds

Purpose: Guide children to practice pronouncing a target sound-spelling and connecting the grapheme(s) and sound.

Materials: Sound Wall Cards, sound keyword hand movements, Letter and Grapheme Cards, mirrors and/or devices with cameras (optional)



ROUTINE IN ACTION

ROUTINE STEP	MODEL LANGUAGE
1 Introduce the phoneme and grapheme. Show the Sound Wall Phoneme Card. Say the grapheme name and its sound. Then say the first sound in the keyword while you make a hand gesture to match the keyword.	<i>Today we'll learn to read and spell a new consonant sound. The grapheme t makes the sound /t/. The /t/ sound is at the beginning of the word taco. Say /t/. Fold your hand as if it's a taco and then pretend to eat.</i>
2 Focus on articulation.	<i>Watch me say the sound: /t/. What does my mouth look like when I say this sound?</i>
3 Practice the phoneme with multimodal support.	<i>Let's say it together: /t/. Again: /t/. Use your mirror or camera to watch your mouth. Touch the tip of your tongue to the back of your top teeth. Drop your tongue and blow air out.</i>
4 Connect the phoneme to its grapheme.	<i>Point to the grapheme t on the Sound Wall Grapheme Card. This is the grapheme that spells the sound /t/. What's the name of this letter? (t) What is its sound? (/t/)</i>
5 Identify the phonemes in words.	<i>Now we will listen for /t/ at the beginning of some words. When you hear the sound at the beginning, fold your hand as if it's a taco and pretend to eat. Top, ball, team, talk, pit, tell, hot.</i>
6 Write the uppercase letter. Model writing uppercase T. Use the verbal path.	<i>Let's practice writing uppercase T. Start at the top. Pull down straight. Lift to the top left. Slide right.</i>
7 Write the lowercase letter. Model writing lowercase t. Use the verbal path.	<i>Now lowercase t. Start between the middle and the top. Pull down straight. Lift to the middle. Slide right short.</i>
8 Reinforce the phoneme-grapheme connection.	<i>Let's review the sound we learned today: /t/. This is the sound we hear at the beginning of taco and top. Now look at our Sound Wall. Can you find the grapheme t on the wall? What is the sound for the letter t? (/t/)</i>