

3.5 Articulation Drills

This activity develops clear and fluent articulation skills. These drills give students a chance to practice clear, confident enunciation of words. Articulation drills are a good opening warm-up for your class or after-school practice and should be repeated frequently.

Time Allotment

5 minutes

Objectives

By the end of this activity, students will:

- practice techniques that promote good articulation of words and clear, confident speech.

Materials and Preparation

(none)

Method

Have the entire class stand at their seats and perform this drill at once. You can do the drill along with the students or walk around to make sure everyone is participating. If you walk around, you can ask individuals to speak louder and/ or more clearly when appropriate.

As the students stand, have them perform one of the following drills, speaking with confidence and clarity.

Reading Drills

Students can use any brief or text for these drills:

- Read a piece of evidence with a pen horizontally between the lips.
- Read a piece of evidence backwards, from the right-hand side of the last sentence until the left hand side of the first sentence, word by word.
- Read a piece of evidence with the syllable "oh" between each word.
- Read a piece of evidence with the syllable "A" between each word.
- Read a piece of evidence while punching the ending of every word. You can't attend would become "you "A" can "Ta" atten "Da".



Tongue Twisters

Tongue Twisters can help students with enunciation and articulation. Write any of these phrases on the board and have students repeat several times as quickly as they can. Include the request that students enunciate clearly while reading quickly.

- My dame hath a lame tame crane.
- Red leather, yellow leather.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
- Rubber baby buggy bumpers.
- The sixth sheik's sixth sheep's sick.
- The lips, the tongue, the teeth.
- Unique New York.
- The boot black bought the black boot back.
- Toy boat. Toy boat. Toy boat.
- I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted sheet I sit.
- Mrs. Smith's Fish Sauce Shop.
- Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.
- Knapsack straps.
- A noisy noise annoys a nose.
- Friendly Frank flips fine flapjacks.
- Vincent vowed vengeance very vehemently.
- Cheap, trick ship trip.
- Lovely lemon liniment.
- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
- She sells seashells by the seashore.
- Flash message!
- Thieves seize skis.
- Truly rural.
- Plague-bearing prairie dogs.
- Freshly fried fresh flying fish.
- Preshrunk silk shirts.
- Are our oars oak?
- The epitome of femininity.
- Please pay promptly.
- Hi-Tech Traveling Tractor Trailor Truck Tracker.
- Irish wristwatch.
- Cows graze in groves on grass which grows in grooves in groves.
- Selfish shellfish.