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How To Make A Phonics Phone



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Phonics phones and mirrors are two of the most important items in an early elementary small group instructional area. Phonics phones amplify the student's voice helping the student to focus and pay attention to the sounds. Although you can **purchase phonics phones**, they are quite easy and inexpensive to make. View the video for instructions on how to make your own classroom phonics phones.

To make phonics phones

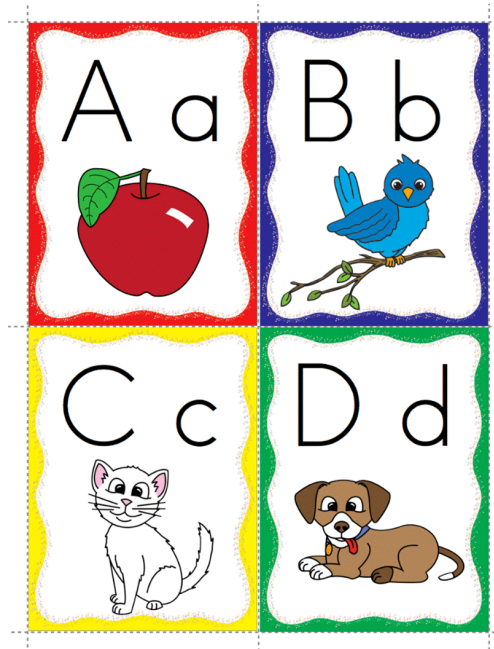
- Purchase a 3/4" PVC pipe and 3/4" elbow joints (you will need 2 for each phone)
- Cut PVC pipe into 3 1/2 inch sections
- Put an elbow joint on each end of the pipe
- Colorful duct tape can be wrapped around the center of the pipe for fun.

Use phonics phones...

1. when teaching phonemic awareness skills.
2. when teaching letter sounds.
3. when teaching students to discriminate between similar sounding letter sounds. Take a look at your students' writing samples. Phonics phones can be very helpful with students who confuse letters such as f/v, s/z , or sh/ch.
4. when working with students who omit letters in their writing. These students may not be paying attention to each sound in the word.

5. during guided reading activities. Some teachers find that giving each student a phonics phone while reading text a loud to themselves helpful.

Helpful Hint: Especially in first grade, students should have their own phonics phone which is accessible as needed during writing and spelling activities. If students are sharing phonics phones in your small group area, be sure to have antibacterial wipes on hand.



While practicing letters and sounds, these keyword letter flashcards can be helpful. Just click [HERE](#) to download this FREEBIE from my Teachers Pay Teacher store.

Julie



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COMMENTS

Christina says

August 23, 2012 at 12:25 pm

Thank you so much for posting the instructions on how to make the phones and how to use them! I'm beginning as a first grade special ed teacher this school year and I think these are going to be great for the kids!! Just picked up the supplies last night!

Reply

Tanya says

January 1, 2013 at 3:07 am

I love them thank you so much!

Reply

Julie says

January 6, 2013 at 12:58 am

Thanks so much for leaving a comment.

Reply

Monica Parke says

March 26, 2013 at 12:02 pm

Thank you for sharing your post on how to make the phones. I was able to make enough for my whole class at a very affordable price. Thank you again!

Reply

Julie says

March 26, 2013 at 9:29 pm

So glad you were able to make a phone for everyone. You'll love them.

Reply

barbara smith says

July 26, 2013 at 5:49 pm

I loved this idea and made it out of the handles from plastic bottles. thanks for sharing....

<http://recyclingot.blogspot.com/2013/07/phonics-phone-from-bottle-handles.html>

Reply

Ellery Sigler says

August 17, 2013 at 4:17 pm

Love these!! I'm making them today!! The man at Lowe's was so nice once he found out I was a teacher & even offered to cut the PVC for me 😊

Reply

Julie Van Alst says

August 30, 2013 at 5:31 pm

That's great. Lowe's and Home Depot workers are so helpful.

Reply

stephanie says

September 11, 2013 at 11:25 pm

Thanks so much for posting! We just made 10 for less than \$25 (not to mention we have left over pipe and duct tape!) It sure did make my life easier!

Reply

Julie Van Alst says

September 25, 2013 at 10:08 pm

That's great! It's a much cheaper option than ordering from a catalog.

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KB3Teach says

December 7, 2013 at 11:10 pm

Argghhh! Where was this blog when I was off spending a fortune for my phones!?! Love this! Pinned it on a bunch of Pinterest boards. Hopefully, it will help other teachers before they go off and spend their fortunes.

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