

# ESL Pronunciation Practice - Alphabet Radio Game

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## Teacher Notes

It's important that the students are familiar with the alphabet song. This Alpha-to-Zulu way of spelling out letters (for the benefit of those communicating by radio, primarily) has proven quite useful in my classes. When you ask a student to spell a word, they spell it using this system and confusion with letters which rhyme (such as B, C, D, E, G, P, T, V, Z [in American English]) can be avoided.

- **Aim**
  - To practice the English alphabet and practice the sounds of each letter in a fun and interesting way
- **Skills**
  - Speaking, listening
- **Level**
  - Basic level
- **Age**
  - Children (5-7)
- **Resources**
  - Alphabet flashcards (A-Z); Copies of radio handout.; blackboard
- **Time**
  - 45 minutes
- **Requirements**
  - Students should be familiar with the alphabet.

## Introduction – 10 Minutes

- Sing the "Alphabet song" with the class. Repeat.
- Teacher uses the alphabet flashcards and goes over the alphabet with the children. A flashcard is shown, the teacher says the letter, and the students then say it. This is repeated for each letter.
- Students then practice the alphabet with a partner.
- Student then all stand up and meet 5 classmates. When they pair up, they will play the 'rock, scissors, paper' game. If they lose, they will say the alphabet to this partner.

## Building the Lesson - 15 Minutes

- In order to assist each student with their pronunciation, the teacher will use the flashcards A-Z, but after each letter will add a word.
- Students then repeat the words after the teacher. Repeat the words three times.

The words for each letter are:

- Alpha
- Bravo
- Charlie
- Delta

- Echo
- Foxtrot
- Golf
- Hotel
- India
- Juliet
- Kilo
- Lima
- Mike
- November
- Oscar
- Papa
- Quebec
- Romeo
- Sierra
- Tango
- Uniform
- Victor
- Whisky
- X-ray
- Yankee
- Zulu

## Main Activity - 15 Minutes

- Give out the handout.
  - The handout is a piece of paper with an image of a walky-talky.
  - You can make your own handout using this image or a similar image.
  - <http://www.wm8c.com/images/Walkie%20Talkie%202.gif>
- Give each student one letter and one word to write on their handout. (For example, the first student gets A – alpha)
- Students then play 'rock, scissors, paper game' with other students. The winner of the game will say the letter and then the word on their hand-out and move on.
- When a student says their word 10 times they sit down.

Extension: If the class is smaller than 26 students, give the best student two letters and two words.

## Conclusion - 5 Minutes

- Teacher sings the alphabet song with the students.
- Students save their “walkie talkie” worksheets for possible later use.