

**SUGGESTIONS FOR PRONUNCIATION ACTIVITIES**

**ACTIVITY 1 - /p/**

- **Hold a sheet of paper in front of your mouth. As you pronounce the words, the paper should move to plosive sounds.**

PORTUGUESE      PAPER      POWER      POLICE      PERFECT      PROBLEM

- **Tongue twister**

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

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**ACTIVITY 2 – FINAL –ed**

- **Raise your RIGHT hand if the past tense of the verb you hear ends in a /t/ sound.**
- **Raise your LEFT hand if the past tense of the verb you hear ends in a /d/ sound.**
- **Raise BOTH hands if the past tense of the verb you hear ends in an /id/ sound.**

LIKE	WASH	DISCOVER	CRASH	LAUGH
DESTROY	SURVIVE	JUMP	WORRY	NEED
INTRODUCE	CHANGE	TRAVEL	SLIP	VISIT

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**ACTIVITY 3 – th SOUNDS**

- **handout**
- **Tongue twister**

Three free throws.

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**ACTIVITY 4 – FRICATIVES**

- **SUPER ZEBRA – Shout SUPER if the final sound of the (plural of the) words is /s/; shout ZEBRA if the final sound is /z/**

DOWNPOUR	RESERVATION	PAYMENT	SYMPTOM	HEIGHTS
STATISTICS	MUSICIAN	CASINO	PICKUP	KEY

- **Raise the correct pronunciation symbol according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular ending sound.**

APPOINT	ARRANGE	BURY	CATCH	HATE	NEED
PICK	RAISE	ROB	TALK	WAVE	WATCH

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**ACTIVITY 5 – FRICATIVES AND AFFRICATES**

- **Tongue twisters**

“She sells sea shells by the seashore”

“She saw a fish on the seashore, and I’m sure  
the fish she saw on the seashore was a sawfish”

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**ACTIVITY 6 – NUMBER OF SOUNDS**

- **Identify the number of sounds in the following words**

SING	FATHER	LAMB	STOPPED	PLUMBER
DEBT	AUTUMN	LIVE	PSYCHOLOGY	THREE

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**ACTIVITY 7 – SILENT LETTERS**

- **HANDOUT – PRONUNCIATION JOURNEY**
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**ACTIVITY 8 – TAP / FLAP**

- **VOCAROO – online recording**
- **Tongue twisters**

Betty bought a bit of better butter.

Betty Botter bought some butter,  
“But,” she said, “this butter’s bitter.  
If I bake this bitter butter,  
It will make my batter bitter.  
But a bit of better butter -  
That would make my batter better.”  
So she bought a bit of butter,  
Better than her bitter butter,  
And she baked it in her batter,  
And the batter was not bitter.  
So ‘twas better Betty Botter  
Bought a bit of better butter.

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**ACTIVITY 9 - /i/ and /I/**

- **HANDOUT – simple sounds maze**
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**ACTIVITY 10 – ODD ONE OUT**

- Circle the word that has a different sound

it – heat – scene – feet

think – thanks – this – thousand

pattern – post – penguin – psychologist

worked – cleaned – stopped – laughed

**ACTIVITY 11 – MEANINGFUL, COMMUNICATIVE MINIMAL PAIRS**

Did you feel/fill it?

Heat/Hit it now!

He will leave/live.

The children will sleep/slip.

**ACTIVITY 12 – UNFAIR DICTATION**

- Write down only the words that have a long vowel sound

EAT                  KNIT                  REACH                  FOOL                  PULL                  ITCH                  MILL

**ACTIVITY 13 – SIT, SEAT, SET, SAT**

- Complete the table according to the vowel sound

VISIT MEN	FEAT SICK	CAB SEEK	PICK BACK	CAN LED
SIT	SEAT	SET	SAT	

**ACTIVITY 14 – SCHWA**

- Spell out the words

fam-UH-ly                  UH-bil-UH-ty                  c-UH-mmitm-UH-nt                  list-UH-ning  
 sep-UH-r-UH-te'                  parli-UH-m-UH-nt                  temp-UH-r-UH-ture