Red Leather, Yellow Leather

Activity 1: Tongue Twisters

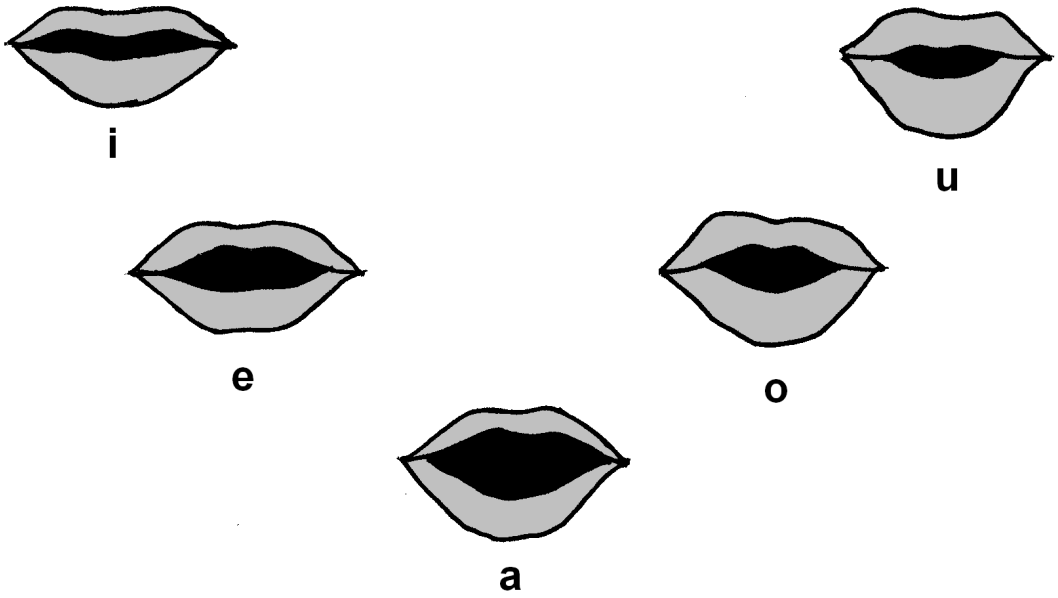


Let's warm up our English pronunciation with a few fun tongue twisters!

- Red Leather, Yellow Leather
- Toy Boats, Toy Boats, Toy Boats
- The tip of the tongue, the teeth, the lips
- Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches
- You need New York, unique New York. You know you need unique New York.
- Whether the weather be cold, whether the weather be hot, we'll be together whatever the weather, whether we like it or not
- Many mumbling mice are making midnight music in the moonlight, mighty nice

Activity 2: Vowel Sounds

Let's go over the main vowel sounds in English. You may know A, E, I, O, U but there are more than 5 sounds!



Can you add a few words to each vowel sound column below with a partner? You will want to know these well for our next game...

Long A	Long E	Long I	Long O	Long U	SHort A	SHort E	Short I	Short O	Short U	AUW	OUW
base	cheek	buy	home	blue	ant	bed	chick	bomb	rough	bought	brown
steak	key	crime	know	boot	ask	head	dim	box	some	call	count
they	dream	fly	dough	chew	back	said	his	hot	duck	saw	cow

Activity 3: Rhyming Relay



The class will be divided into two teams. Each team will establish an order of players (i.e. who goes first, second, third, etc.) Each team will be given a word on the board and when the clock starts, each team member will then have to write a word that rhymes underneath it, passing the marker to the next team member in line until the timer is up.
Write as many rhyming words as your team is able to (one word per person at a time) in 2 minutes for the first round!
The team with the most words that actually rhyme gets a point. The second round is 1 and a half minutes, then 1 minute, then 30 seconds!
The team with the most points at the end of all 4 rounds wins!

Activity 4:Wall Dictation

With a partner, dictate as much of this extract of this tricky poem as you can onto paper in 3 minutes - NO FRENCH!
If any French is used, you and your partner are out!
The team to complete the most of the poem with the least mistakes wins.
Below you will find the poem. Don't let your partner see it…!

Dearest creature in Creation,
Studying English pronunciation,
I will teach you in my verse
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse or worse.
It will keep you, Lucy, busy,
Make your head with heat grow dizzy;
Tear in eye, your dress you'll tear.
Make my coat look new, dear, so sew it?
Can you compare heart, beard and heard,
Dies and diet, lord and word?

But be careful how you speak,
Say break and steak, but bleak and streak,
Pipe, snipe, recipe and choir,
Cloven, oven; how and low;
Script, receipt; shoe, poem, toe,
Finally, which rhymes with enough?
Though, through, plough, dough, or cough?
Hiccough has the sound of cup
My advice is to give up

Activity 5: Odd One Out Race

The teacher will write two or more words at a time on the board that have a similar vowel sound (ex: mitt, meat, meet - the odd one out is 'mitt').
The class will create two teams and then pair up with a member of the opposite team. Each pair will go to the back of the room, looking at the board.
When the teacher calls out a pair of words with similar sounds, the students will race to the front to touch the odd word out on the board.
Students from the winning team can have a turn at calling the words for others to run!

