

Letter E

WebQuest Description: Students learn the name, sound, and shape of the letter Ee (short e).

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Introduction

Today we will learn about the letter E. There is a big E. There is a small e. E has a name. The name sounds like when you're scared or excited ("eeeeeeeeeeeeee!"). E makes a sound. The sound it makes is like when you're out of breath (eh, eh, eh). We can do an action to help us remember the sound E makes. When we're out of breath, we put our hand on our chests and say, "eh, eh, eh!"

Tasks

1. You will learn the sound of the letter E and some words that begin with it. 2. You will learn about big E and small e. 3. You will learn to write E and e.

Process

1. Learn the sound of the letter E. Learn the difference between big E and small e. Hint: click where it sparkles! <http://www.starfall.com/n/level-k/letter-e/load.htm?f2>. Learn to write the letter E. With the teacher's help, print this worksheet: <http://www.starfall.com/ni/download/level-k-bl/bl-e.pdf3>. Watch this video about the letter E. Sing along with the chorus: egg, elk, and elephant. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGJFRfsahKc>

Evaluation

Remember that it is important not to be too harsh with evaluation when young learners are beginning to learn their letters. Young children develop literacy skills at different rates.

Category and Score	Beginning	Developing	Very Good	Excellent	Score
Says name of letter E/e when sees symbol	never	sometimes	usually	always	
Pronounces sound of short e	never	sometimes	usually	always	
Prints E and e when given model	never	sometimes	usually	always	
				Total Score	

Conclusion

Good for you! Now you know the letter E. Next, we will get off the computers and make the elephant craft you see on this page. Let's go!

Teacher Page

I designed this webquest for a small group of 4-5-year-old ESL learners. These students already speak some English and are just beginning to learn their letters. I am lucky to have a small and easy-to-supervise group. You may need to modify this for a larger class (e.g. print out the worksheets ahead of time). Because these children cannot yet read, the teacher needs to read each section to them.

Read slowly but enthusiastically. Don't shy away from repeating the instructions many times; little minds like to wander. Let the students be leaders, too. If they have something to say about the letter E, let them. Maybe they can think of another word that begins with e. Maybe they know a story about an elephant. One thing's for sure, by the end of the song, they'll know what eggs are! With this age group, use the webquest activity in class as a focal point around which to build a lesson that explores the letter e in many ways: listening, seeing, writing, touching, smelling... be creative!

Standards

Credits

Other