



Start to Finish Articulation Homework

Introduction:

This worksheet will help families know exactly how to practice a new speech sound without having to know exactly what the child is currently working on during his speech therapy sessions.

Instructions for Speech Therapists:

Write the child's name on the top of this sheet and fill in the target sound (whatever sound you want the family to work on at home.

Send it home in the child's backpack and follow up with the family to make sure they understand how to use it. Advise them to do the worksheet once per day, it should only take a few minutes each day.

Instructions for Parents:

If you know what sound your child is working on in speech therapy, use this worksheet to help you figure out how to practice it. Write the sound your child is working on in speech therapy at the top of the page. Start with box one and stop when your child can't complete the task. At first, you may only do the first box before you need to stop each day.

On the next day, you can start back at box one or start at the box that is one lower than the box where you stopped during your last session.

Examples of What it Should Sound Like: (Target Sound: /t/)

- **Box 1:** Say the /t/ sound 10 times: "t, t, t, t, t, t, t, t, t, t, t"
- Box 2: Say these syllables after me: "tuh, tah, teh, toe, tay, toy, tee, tih, too, tie"
- **Box 3:** Let's find 10 things around the house that have our sound: "bat, toy, tub, button, hat, pot, toe, light, letter, taco"
- **Box 4:** Let's play I spy and see what we can find that has our sound: "I spy bat, I spy toy, I spy tub, I spy button, I spy hat, I spy pot, I spy toe, I spy light, I spy letter, I spy taco"
- Box 5: Tell me a sentence that uses the word "bat". Tell me a sentence that uses the word "toy" (etc.)
- **Box 6:** Tell me about what you did at recess today. Tell me about your last birthday party. Tell me what happens in Star Wars. Tell me all the steps you do to brush your teeth. (etc.)
- **Box 7:** We're going to play Legos for 5 minutes but I'm going to be listening for your good /t/ sounds and helping you remember if you forget.
 - **Box 8:** "I heard your good /t/ sound in that word, nice job!" or "Oh, I heard a word that should have had a /t/ sound in it, don't forget to use your good / t/ sounds!"

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Instructions: This homework will help you practice your child's speech sound with him/him at home. Pick up this worksheet every day and start on the first day with the step 1. If your child can do the task in step 1, move on to step 2. Keep going until you child can't complete the activity in one of the boxes (go in order). Stop there for the day. On the next day, start at the box that is one lower than where you stopped the day before (if your child can't do box 3, start with box 2 the next day).

1. Have your child say the sound by itself (not in a word) 10 times. Continue if your child says it 8 or more times correctly.

- 2. Have your child repeat the following syllables after you. Fill in the blank with the target sound:
- __ee uh __oh ih
- __ay eh ΟV 00

ah

5. Tell your child a word that has the target sound in it. Have your child create a sentence that uses that word. Continue if your child says the target sound correctly in at least 8 sentences.

Continue if your child says the sound correctly in 8 or more.

4. Play I spy with your child and have him say "I spy" by filling in the blank with a word that has the target sound. Continue if your child says the target sound correctly in at least 8 phrases.

Target Sound:

- 3. Have your child say 10 words that have the target sound in them. Here are some ideas of how to think of words (or use your own!)
- Find pictures in a catalog that contain the sound
- Find things around the house that contain the sound
- Think of words from a certain category (like foods) that contain the sound

Continue if your child says the sound correctly in at least 8 of the words.

- 6. Ask your child 5 open-ended questions and listen to see if he says the target sound correctly when he answers. Here are some ideas to ask about:
- Ask your child to tell you about a past event, like "tell me about recess"
- Ask your child to retell a favorite book or movie
- Ask your child how to do a certain task (like brush your teeth) or how to play a favorite game

Continue if your child says the target sound correctly in at least 4 answers.

7. Set a timer for 5 minutes while you do a fun activity with your child that he enjoys. During that 5 minutes, gently remind your child to use the target sound correctly if he forgets.

8. Once your child is almost always saying the target sound correctly during these 5-minute play sessions, stop doing these daily activities. Instead, praise your child when you hear him say the sound correctly in every day conversation and gently remind him every once in a while when you hear mistakes on the target sound. Don't do this all the time, just pick specific times to do this throughout the day so he doesn't get overwhelmed.