

Learning the Alphabet!

A Readers Theater Script About The First Ten Letters of the Alphabet Featuring Rhythm, Rhyme, and a Repetitive Chorus by Lois Walker

NOTE: Under Readers 1 and 2 below, I have purposely left out the reader numbers so that teachers can easily adapt this script to fit the number of readers in their classrooms. You may use as few as 4 readers and as many as 30. If you wish to assign 2 or more readers to individual lines, you can include even more readers.

NOTE: This script uses rhythm and rhyme. To establish the correct rhythm, rehearse the piece by clapping on the underlined words or word parts as the story is read aloud. Since EFL students often speak English words very slowly, clapping along will help them practice speaking at a faster pace. This is a rehearsal technique. The clapping would not be included in the final performance since Readers Theater is a reading experience and, unless music stands are being used, readers' hands will be busy holding script folders.

EXCEPTION: Some teachers have told me they found the clapping very helpful and preferred using some type of sound effect to help their readers keep the beat during performance. They suggested having the teacher keep the beat with a tambourine or assigning two children to tambourine duty and positioning them stage left and right of the readers.

ALL: Learning the alphabet,
 A-B-Cs
 For the first 10 letters,
 Listen to me!

Learning the alphabet,
 A through J,
 Just follow us.
 We'll show you the way.

READER 1 A is for alligator.

ALL: Alligator! Alligator!

READER 2 Swim, swim, swim.

READER Swish, swish, swish.

READER B is for balloon.

ALL: Balloon! Balloon!

READER I wish I had one.

READER Wish, wish, wish.

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READER C is for carrot.

ALL: Carrot! Carrot!

READER Chew, chew, chew.

READER Crunch, crunch, crunch.

READER D is for dog.

ALL: Hot dog? Hot dog?

READER I will eat one for

READER Lunch, lunch, lunch.

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READER E is for elephant.

ALL: Elephant, elephant!

READER Big, big, ears.

READER Big round tummy.

READER E is for fruit.

ALL: Fruit, fruit!

READER Have a mango?

READER Thanks, it's yummy!

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READER G is for gum.

ALL Chewing gum, chewing gum!

READER Sweet and sticky,

READER On my tooth.

READER H is for hen.

ALL Hen, hen!

READER Feathers on top

READER And eggs beneath.

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READER I is for ice cream.

ALL: Ice cream, ice cream

READER Lick, lick, lick.

READER Drip, drip, drip.

READER J is for jam.

ALL: Jam, jam!

READER What kind should...

READER I pick, pick, pick?

ALL: Learning the alphabet,
A-B-Cs
For the first 10 letters,
You listened to me!

Learning the alphabet,
A through J,
You followed us
And we showed you the way.
Hooray!!!!!!