# The Letter R — Sound (page 29)



### **Materials:**

- letter Rr flashcard
- picture cards (queen, rabbit, rose, seal, tiger and any other previously taught picture cards)

Review: 3-5 minutes

- Sing the alphabet song while pointing at the letters
  - For students with less phonics exposure, the teacher should point to a wall chart while singing the song.
  - For students with more phonics exposure and experience, students should point to the letters on page 4 as they sing the song.
- Show the letter and rabbit picture flashcard for the letter **Rr**, while saying the letter name, letter sound, the picture name, and stroke count while air writing. Students repeat.
  - Teacher and students: "R, /r/, rabbit"; air write and count letter strokes

**Preview:** 3-5 minutes

• Show the letter **Rr** flashcard while saying the letter name and letter sound and have the students repeat

Teacher: "R, /r/ /r//"Students: "R, /r/ /r/ /r/"

 Show the picture cards for the words that begin with the Rr sound and say the name of the picture, emphasizing the beginning sound and have the students repeat

Teacher: "/r//r/ rabbit"; students repeat

Teacher: "/r//r/ rose"; students repeat

Modeling: 3-5 minutes

- Show the students a picture card that starts with the **Rr** sound.
  - Teacher: "/r/ /r/ rabbit". Since the word begins with the /r/ sound, stand up and hop like a rabbit.
- Show the students a picture card that does not start with the **Rr** sound.
  - Teacher: "/r/ /r/ queen". Since the word doesn't begin with the /r/ sound, roll up in a ball on the floor.

## **Guided Practice:** 5 minutes

- Continue the activity from above using the picture cards for queen, rabbit, rose, seal, tiger and any other previously taught picture cards.
  - Teacher says the /r/ sound, followed by the word from the picture card. If the word begins with the /r/ sound, teacher and students stand up and hop like rabbits. If not, roll up into a ball on the floor.

# **Independent Practice:** 5-10 minutes

- Play Which Side Game.
  - Label two sides of the room, the Rr side and the not Rr side.
  - Have the students stand in a line in the middle of the room, between the two sides.
  - Show a picture card and say /r//r/ and the word. Have the students repeat.
  - If the word begins with the /r/ sound the students slide to the Rr side. If the word doesn't begin with the /r/ sound, the students slide to the not Rr side.
- Continue play until all the cards have been read by the teacher and repeated by the students.

## **Assessment:**

• During the guided and independent practice, take note of students' ability to match the /r/ sound to the various picture cards.

#### **Closure:** 1-2 minutes

- Review each picture card.
  - Teacher: "/r/ /r/ rabbit"; students repeat
  - Teacher: "/r//r/ rose"; students repeat