

PHONETIC SESSION

The phonetic alphabet is a spelling system where each letter of the alphabet is represented by a particular word. It has been traditionally used by the military and the aviation industry. By using the words such as Delta, Bravo or Tango confusion between similar sounding letters, like D, B or T is avoided.

Explain the Origin of the Phonetic Alphabet to the Guides before commencing the activities and show them the Phonetic Alphabet. I set up four work stations for each activity and the girls rotated around each for about 10 minutes.

1. ACTIVITY 1 - Writing

Ask the girls to write their name and a short sentence about themselves using the phonetic alphabet.

(Refer to Resource – Phonetic Alphabet)

2. ACTIVITY 2 - Interpreting

Provide a simple message (which has been transcribed into the phonetic alphabet) to the girls. Have one girl read the transcript to the other girl(s). Those interpreting the message should then check with the reader that they deciphered it correctly.

(Optional: Could put the girls into different areas of the hall and use walkie talkies to transmit the message!)

(Refer to Resource – Phonetic Message)

3. ACTIVITY 3 – Worksheet

Complete the activity on the sheet provided.

(Refer to Resource – Phonetic Worksheet)

4. ACTIVITY 4 - Hangman

(Refer to Resource – Phonetic Hangman)

Optional

(Group activity at end of meeting) - Phonetic Game

(Refer to Resource - Phonetic Alphabet Game)