

Lesson 9: Meet the Letter K & Review A-J

Let's kick off a K-tastic adventure today!

Essential Question: How does the letter K help us read new words, write stories, and communicate with the people around us?

Learning Target: Today we will recognize uppercase K and lowercase k, practice making the /k/ sound with our mouths, find words that start with K, and learn how to write K and k neatly on our paper!

Vocabulary Words: kite, key, koala, kiwi, kettle, kitten ★ Say each word and listen for /k/!

Materials Needed: Alphabet cards (A-K), picture cards for K words, individual whiteboards, crayons, magnetic letters, student workbook, and the letter K poster

★ Lesson Flow ★

- **Opener (5 min)** Gather students on the carpet. Sing the alphabet song A-J together with hand motions. Then say: 'Today we're meeting a brand-new letter friend - the letter K! K makes the /k/ sound. Can you feel it in the back of your throat? Let's try it together: /k/ /k/ /k/!'
- **I Do (10 min)** Hold up the K card. Say: 'This is uppercase K - it stands tall and proud! And this is lowercase k - a little smaller but just as cool!' Show each vocabulary picture card (kite, key, koala, kiwi, kettle, kitten). Emphasize the /k/ sound at the beginning of each word. Model writing K on the board using proper strokes.
- **We Do (10 min)** Students echo the /k/ sound after you. Together, skywrite uppercase K in the air (down, slant in, slant out). Then skywrite lowercase k. Sort picture cards as a class - 'Does this word start with K or not?' Cheer together when they get it right!
- **You Do (10 min)** Students trace and write K/k on their whiteboards. Then they open their workbooks to color pictures that begin with K and circle the correct letter. Walk around giving high-fives and gentle corrections.
- **Movement Activity (8 min)** K Sound Hunt! Students tiptoe around the room searching for hidden picture cards. When they find a K-word card, they bring it back to the carpet and say the word out loud, emphasizing the /k/ sound. Celebrate each find!
- **Small Groups (12 min)** Teacher Table: Guided letter formation with finger tracing and whiteboard practice. Literacy Center: Students match K picture cards to the letter K. Tech Center: Letter K interactive game on tablets.
- **Assessment (5 min)** Quick check: Can each student name the letter K? Produce the /k/ sound? Write K/k? Hand out exit tickets - students circle all the K pictures and write one K.

Family Connection: At-Home Practice

Go on a K scavenger hunt at home! Find items that start with K (keys, kitchen, ketchup). Practice writing uppercase K and lowercase k together. Ask your child: 'What sound does K make?'