

Voice Jars

Voice Jars is a fun and effective whole-class or small-group activity that builds fluency. Here is how it works: Students choose a “voice” card from the jar—a person, place, or thing written on a card—and read aloud a text in that voice! See cards on the next page. The text may be individual numbers, letter names, letter sounds, phrases, or passages. Students can read the text individually or chorally in the chosen voice. Either way, they will have a blast—and become better readers.

It also makes a great family activity. Send the cards home with these directions:



Voice Jars is a fun way to practice reading fluency! Cut out the attached cards and place them in a plastic jar. Then pick out one of your favorite books to read aloud together. Choose a “voice” from the jar, and read the book in that voice! Mix it up by having each reader choose a different card. And add your own voice cards to the jar. Most of all, have a blast!



Silly



Underwater



Sleepy



Mouse



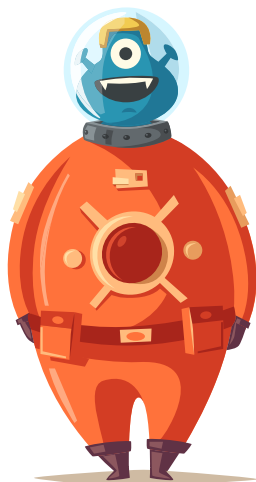
Opera Singer



Old Man



Alien



Snail



Sneezy



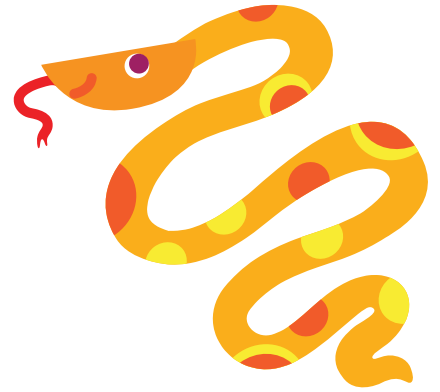
Owl



Sheep



Snake



Whisper



Crying



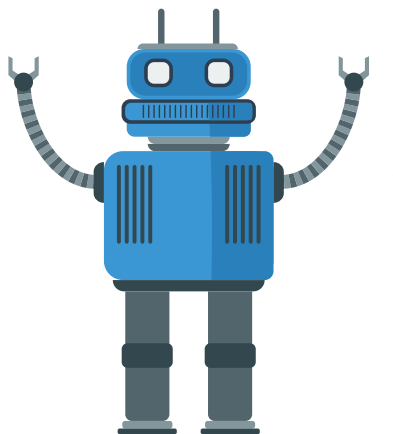
Freezing



Yelling



Robot



Out of Breath



Monster



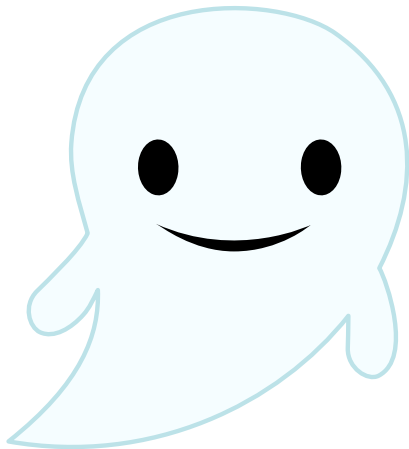
Talk Show Host



Parent



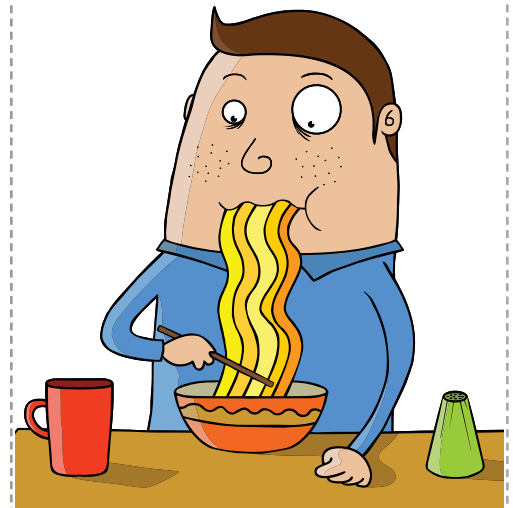
Ghost



Actress



Mouthful



Cheerleader

