
German sounds

Suggestions for activities and games to accompany the slideshow *German sounds* are provided below.

This is a possible way to instruct students on how to reproduce the German 'r' sound:

- Say the short 'k' sound like at the start of 'kite'.
- Now, open your mouth.
- Close the back of your throat as if you didn't want to swallow or wanted to gargle.
- Now say the same short 'k' sound (like in 'kite') slowly a few times.
- Can you feel where the 'k' sound is made in your throat?
- Now practise making that sound longer. You have the German 'r' sound!

Activity 1: Tongue twister — slide 5

- Students listen to the tongue twister, paying attention to the 'r' sounds.
- Students practise repeating the tongue twister.
- Add some movement by asking students to roll arms as they are repeating.

Rote Räder rollen

Activity 2: Alliteration — slide 8

- Students listen to the audio and then reproduce all sounds with the help of the slides.

braune Bären
rote Rosen
grüne Gurken
graue Gorillas
rosa Rutsche
schwarze Schränke

Activity 3: Listening for 'r' sound — slide 17

- Say a range of German sentences with words that have the 'r' sound.
- Students do a fairy clap when they hear the sound 'r'.

Das sind Bären. Bären sind groß und braun.
Das sind Rosen. Rosen sind rosa, weiß und rot.
Das sind Gurken. Gurken sind grün und klein.
Das ist ein Gorilla. Gorillas sind grau.
Die Rutsche ist klein und rosa.
Die Schränke sind schwarz.