

Activity Ideas: Recordable Talking Point Buttons

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Useful hand-size recordable buttons that support many classroom activities. Here are some of our ideas for using them. We are sure you will come up with plenty of your own. If you have any great ideas please share them with us, we'd love to hear from you.

1. Create an Inclusive Learning Environment

Use the Talking Point Buttons to help make the classroom more inclusive and supportive. These neat auditory aids can assist children with different ways of learning, including supporting those with SEND. Pupils can listen to recorded messages or record their own messages to help them learn with more independence and confidence.

2. Encourage communication

The Talking Point Buttons can help to provide a positive communication environment where talking is encouraged and nurtured. Scatter the buttons around the classroom to support speaking and listening skills and help you to weave oracy into the curriculum using different techniques.

3. Support pupils in following instructions

Record yourself giving instructions as you issue them to your whole class. You can then pass the discrete Talking Point to the pupil that needs frequent repetition. They can independently playback and check the instructions as many times as needed.

4. Support home-school communication

Use to record messages for home such as reminders about PE kits, school trips, homework, changes to plan, or celebratory comments about achievements. Adults or the children themselves can record the messages. Parents and carers may find it useful to record messages back rather than a written note.

5. Supporting writing

Use for children to record their intentions for writing. Pupils can record their ideas, hear the sentences, write them down and then playback their recording to check their writing.

6. Create interactive and accessible displays

Record captions and questions for your displays and working walls. Pupils can record their own ideas and feedback.

7. Support pupils during 'choosing' time

Adults can record instructions or challenges for each activity. As pupils move to each task, they can replay the prompts to make sure they know what to do.

8. Support pupils in positions of responsibility

Pupils can record the messages that they are asked to deliver to other classes or staff members. They can play back the messages on the way so that they deliver the correct message to the right person and feel confident about doing so.

9. Build confidence

Use with pupils who are reluctant talkers. Pupils can record what they want to say and playback to the rest of the class. This can remove some of the fear of talking aloud in large groups and give every child a voice.

10. Develop comprehension

Record captions for pictures and let pupils match the correct Talking Point to the correct image. This could make a great game.

11. Develop reading skills

Record single words or sentences. Pupils match the Talking Point to the written words or sentences. This provides several opportunities for self-checking.

12. Develop independence

Allow pupils to create their own checklists and record them on the buttons. These could be steps to complete a task, or a list of equipment required for a lesson. These can be colour coded for the task e.g. green for asking to go to the toilet, or red for remembering how to begin their work in their books- new page, date, objective, underline, etc.

Have fun using your Recordable Talking Point Buttons.