

Activity Ideas: Talking-Point Premium (IT10232)



Talking-Points are amazing little sound buttons that allow you to record messages that can be played back by the touch of the button. With the Talking-Point Premium we go one step further, with the ability to record and playback TWO sounds per button.

Simply record one message (up to 30 seconds) for the push button and another for the motion sensor (activated by using a swiping motion over the button).

This makes the Talking-Point Premium even more flexible with so many uses. You could record questions and responses, MFL translations, phonics, sentence starters and extensions and much more.

They also have the added bonus of being rechargeable, fitting into a neat wooden stand to recharge altogether. The stand can also be used for ordering the buttons in activities and can be mounted on the wall. Use the Talking-Point Premium to help provide a positive communication environment, where talking is encouraged and nurtured. Here are a few ideas to get you started with the Talking-Point Premium. We hope you enjoy them.

Languages

Record messages in two different languages. With two step recording, you can press the button for one language and get the translation with a wave of the hand. This is particularly useful for supporting children who are new to learning English or when teaching modern foreign languages.

Problem Solving

Record two versions of a problem so that pupils can choose to do the first version or go for the challenge of the second version. Great for adaptive teaching and independence, allowing pupils to self-select their own level.

Communication and Language

Encourage lots of talk in the classroom by recording messages for children to play back such as requests, modelling asking to play with others at play time or providing sentence starters to encourage communication. The buttons can even be used for enabling children to take part in assemblies and productions. This can support children who are learning a new language or for those who are non-verbal.

Interactive Displays/Working Walls

Record information, questions and answers and add to your classroom displays/working walls. Children will love hearing the facts by pressing the buttons and as they move in front of the sensors. Record captions that pupils have to match to the correct picture creating a knowledge-based game. A great way to introduce and learn subject specific vocabulary.

Writing

Use the buttons to support writing by recording sentences orally first and then play them back during writing to remember what to write. Use the different coloured buttons to organise writing and develop ideas, for example writing a story with five different parts.

Phonics and Spelling

Record phonemes onto the buttons. Get the children to listen carefully to each sound and order the buttons to spell words. How many different words can they make? The recordings can be changed regularly to fit in with the daily phonics sessions.

Play

Record instructions for the children onto the buttons and use them throughout your provision to explain tasks, ask questions or give information. Adults can record messages for pupils to listen to during their play, and they too can record their own messages for their friends.

If you have any brilliant ideas of ways to use the Talking-Point Premium, we would love to hear from you.