

Air Activities Stage 1 Badge

Spell Your Name Using The Phonetic Alphabet

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Overview

For this task your group will attend the first level of the 'Pilot Academy' and learn how to spell their name using the phonetic alphabet.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print out the phonetic alphabet handout found in this document. There are six on the page. You need one for each team of two

Materials Needed For Each Team Of Two

- A pilot's hat (this can be any hat for example, a cap)
- If you can get hold of some pretend radio mics or something similar to speak into that would add to the fun
- 2 A4 sheets of paper and two pens

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Setup enough station areas at your meeting place to fit teams of two preferably spaced out as much as possible. The area should have two chairs facing each other, one for the 'Air Traffic Controller' and one for the 'Pilot' to sit.

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task you need to complete for your 'Air Activities Stage 1' badge is to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet.

As a child, you learn the ABCs. If you want to be a pilot, you have to learn another alphabet: this is called the Aviation Alphabet'.

This alphabet was created to ensure that letters are properly pronounced and understood by air traffic controllers and pilots around the world, despite what languages are spoken.

It avoids pilots and controllers mishearing each other and potentially creating an accident.

2. **Speak** - Here's a piece of paper that has all the words that match the letters of the alphabet
3. **Direction** - Hand out the phonetic alphabet handout two pieces of paper and two pens to each team of two
4. **Speak** - In your teams find the letters of your first name and write down the words that a pilot would use to speak over the radio when talking to a controller
5. **Direction** - Give the teams 5 minutes to write down their names using the phonetic alphabet. Go round the room and help if they need it
6. **Speak** - Now I want you sit opposite each other one of you will be the Pilot and the other will be the Controller
7. **Direction** - The pilot should put on their cap if they have one. Each team member should hold a mic or pretend to hold a mic

8. **Speak** - Now each controller must hold their mic and say "United 568 please state your name"
9. **Speak** - The pilot now has to reply with their name using the phonetic alphabet for example if my name was 'Fred' I would say... **Foxtrot, Romeo, Echo, Delta**
10. **Direction** - They would then switch roles and do the same again

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A	Alpha
B	Bravo
C	Charlie
D	Delta
E	Echo
F	Foxtrot
G	Golf
H	Hotel
I	India
J	Juliet
K	Kilo
L	Lima
M	Mike
N	November
O	Oscar
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