
Focus Letter Pattern: ACC

Lesson Difficulty Level: 5

There are over 500 words in the English language that contain the letter cluster ACC. In about a third of the words, the second C is soft as in ACCENT, and in the rest there is only one hard-C sound, as in ACCORD. Accordingly (ahem), there are two lessons for the letter cluster ACC.

STEP 1: Using hints, work with your students to generate the following words and fill in the word work matrix. Be sure to define each word and use it in a sentence as you write it in the word-work matrix

1. ACCUSE
2. ACCOUNT
3. ACCORDING
4. ACCORDION
5. ACCURATE
6. ACCOMPLICE
7. ACCOMPANY
8. ACCOMMODATE
9. ACCUMULATE
10. ACCUSTOMED
11. TOBACCO
12. RACCOON

STEP 2: When the word-work matrix is completed, have the students chant the words aloud 3 or 4 times to build rapid and proper pronunciation.

STEP 3: Quickly call out words at random, and have the students tell you what cell each word is in. For example, if you say ACCUSTOMED, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say ACCOMPLICE, the students should say it is in box 6.

STEP 4: Read the following sentences aloud and have the students figure out what word belongs in the blank space:

If you go with somebody, you _____ them.

If you get all of the questions on the test correct, then you are 100% _____.

You can smoke it, or you can chew it, but either way _____ gives you cancer.

I like to _____ books; I have thousands of them.

That criminal didn't act alone; he had an _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters ACC. To make it more interesting, tell them you will be very impressed with students who come up with really unusual and sophisticated vocabulary words. See if the students come up with words like ACCLAIM or ACCOST. If they can't, encourage them to simply modify one of the words you have already discussed with a prefix or a suffix or think of a compound word that contains one of the words from today's lesson.

STEP 6: Have the students generate an original sentence correctly using at least two of the words from the lesson.



Student Word-Work Worksheet

NAME: _____ FOCUS LETTERS: _____

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Write your OWN words that contain the letters _____:

Write a **grammatically correct** sentence using at least TWO of the words from the matrix above.

