
Focus Letter Pattern: ENT

Lesson Difficulty Level: 5

There are approximately 4000 words in the English language containing the letters ENT. Accordingly, there are 2 lessons focused on this letter pattern.

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. DIFFERENT
2. PARENT
3. ACCENT
4. ACCIDENT
5. ACCIDENTALLY
6. CENTER
7. CENTURY
8. CENTAUR
9. SPENT
10. SERPENT
11. ENTERTAIN
12. ENTERTAINMENT (that's a two-fer)

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 SERPENT, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say CENTER, 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:

- I had 10 dollars yesterday, but I _____ it.
I didn't do it deliberately; it was an _____.
Another word for a snake is a _____.
I go to the movies every week because I enjoy the _____.
One hundred years is equal to one _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters ENT. 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 POTENT or REPENT. 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.

