
Focus Letter Pattern: ONG

Lesson Difficulty Level: 4

There are approximately 600 words in the English language containing the letters ONG.

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. SONG
2. LONG
3. ALONG
4. BELONG
5. WRONG
6. PRONG
7. STRONG
8. THrong
9. CONGO
10. CONGRESS
11. MONGREL
12. HUMONGOUS

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

- That snake is very _____.
- The second largest river in the world is the _____.
- My friends have pure-bred dogs, but my dog is a _____.
- I feel out of place, like I don't _____ here.
- Joey was the biggest kid in class, but this new kid is _____!

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters ONG. 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 THONG, or MONGOOSE. 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.

