

About These Activities . . .

Finish the Thought is a group of activities designed to help children use the language more fluently and flexibly.

Each activity has a set-up sentence and a lively illustration. The idea then is to finish the thought with words that start with the letters that are already provided.

So, for instance, Activity 8 shows a little girl thinking. The sentence says: What if the alphabet had only six letters in it? It would certainly cut down on the . . . n o w and people wouldn't have as much . . . t s. (number of words; to say)

Not easy, but when the sentence is completed, a sort of yippee factor occurs.

A few brief "housekeeping" notes:

- All of the letter clues are presented without punctuation (except for Number 20). We'll leave it to you to decide if you want students to include periods and question marks in their answers.
- Don't help students with the solutions of these sentences until they really try on their own. Then, possibly one key word supplied by you can blaze the trail to victory.
- Besides using these activities as independent seatwork, you might also consider displaying three or four of them at a time on the bulletin board or on a wall. Or use them at centers, or as a way of sparking group discussions.

However you use them, we hope you and your students enjoy the journey ahead.