

14 Ways to Use a Playback Pipe

- ◇ Segment and blend words with it-The play back pipe is often referred to as a “phonics phone”. This tool helps you hear phonemes in words. Break apart words (“cat=c-a-t”) as well as put them back together orally (“d-o-g=dog”).
- ◇ Practice sentences-Find some sentences with a variety of punctuation. Practice reading the sentence with the right “voice” for the punctuation mark.
- ◇ Read poetry-Maya Angelou says that poetry is meant to be read aloud. Read orally and listen to the language of a poem using the playback pipe.
- ◇ Read a book-Practice reading a book in it.
- ◇ Give characters a voice-Use the playback pipe to help you read the voices of the characters to make a story more meaningful.
- ◇ Interview a friend-Write some questions that you would like to ask a friend. Use the playback pipe as your interview phone.
- ◇ Edit your writing-Stop occasionally during your writing to read it into the playback pipe. This will help you edit your own work.
- ◇ Edit someone else's writing-Use the playback pipe to read someone else's writing.
- ◇ Housekeeping Phone-Use the playback pipe as a phone. Provide more than one to encourage authentic conversation.
- ◇ Read a book to a stuffed animal-Children love an audience for their reading. Let them read to a stuffed animal using the playback pipe. This will help improve their fluency.
- ◇ Read the room-Use it to read the room. This will help control noise level as readers move throughout the room practicing their fluency.
- ◇ Perform a poem or short story-Practice a poem or short story for performance. Read it several times into the playback pipe to get the right voice inflections.
- ◇ Practice your spelling words-Use the playback pipe to say your words and then spell them.
- ◇ Practice your math facts-Use the playback pipe to practice your math facts.

