

Using PENpal Recordable Labels in Your Classroom

Bring Sound to Any Classroom Resource with Recordable Labels

Sound-enable posters, photos, drawings, step-by-step instructions, synopsis of class texts and how-to explanations. Record directly onto each label. Keep recordings as long as you like, then record over it when you're ready.

Audio-enhance existing flashcards to build vocabulary skills.

Create interactive wall displays - have fun making displays talk!

Name objects around the classroom (chair, desk, door etc.) in English or different languages.

Narrate storyboards in preparation for storytelling/story writing/drama - record dialogue between characters and document additional information, such as length of scene, props, characters, etc.

Role play and brainstorm by articulating thoughts/ideas to play back at a future date.

Create verbal treasure hunts for children to follow. Help them practice following directions while they collect words around the classroom to form a secret message.

Add audio to photographs to help develop oral language skills. Ask children to talk about themselves and teachers can monitor their progress over time.

Differentiate instruction: By providing customized, guided support and instructions to children with different ability levels. Teachers can customize content specifically to their students' needs.

Use for an assessment by keeping all recordings as evidence of a student's progress.

Provide step-by-step instructions for any Learning Center.

Students build literacy skills as they record the re-telling of a story, add sound effects, narrate a character's thoughts or imagined conversation between characters, narrate in different languages, or provide support for homework.

Use the pen as a multi-sensory spelling tool by having students record the word they are spelling, and the phonemes or graphemes that make up the word.

Make an oral version of school forms and booklets that include translations to facilitate home/school communication.

Teachers can communicate clearly with parents using audio recordings by recording messages or questions for the family. Parents can record their response in English or their home language.