

Talking Tin Lids

Talking Tin lids are small round voice recorders that are designed to support people with sight loss, but are now used quite widely in primary schools. They work as a speaking 'label' and each will record (and re-record) up to 10 seconds of speech. They are very easy to use and are great fun. An adult, or pupil can record a sequence of instructions /sentences on a series of Tin Lids. The pupils then play them back and order/follow the instructions or write the sentence.

1. An adult, or pupil can record numbers, days of the week, months of the year etc. each on a 'tin lid' for the pupils to play back and order.
2. An adult, or pupil can record a series of instructions on Tin Lids to be placed in different parts of the room/school etc. The pupils play back the recording and follow the instructions/directions as in a treasure trail. Instructions could also include 'how tos' - e.g. How to mix paint colours could be placed in the paint area of the room.
3. Place the Tin Lids in the role-play area of the room. They can be used to leave messages for other pupils; they can be used to describe unfamiliar objects in the area.
4. Record numbers into the Tin Lids. Pupils can move them around on a magnetic board to make number sentences writing mathematical symbols where appropriate or they can sequence the numbers.
5. Record a short story in sections on a number of Tin Lids. Pupils can play the story and place the lids in order so that it makes sense.
6. Record clues into the Tin Lids so that a mystery can be solved - e.g. Which Teddy is hiding? Which teacher is going to visit today?
7. Record an instrument. Pupils can then play back the recording and have the instruments to hand and decide which recording matches each instrument.
8. Record animal sounds. Pupils can match pictures with the recordings.