

2010-2011 WHRO VideoClassroom Preview

Series Title:	Letter TV
Curriculum Area:	English
Grades:	PreK-2
# of Programs/Length:	26/5:00 minute programs

<http://www.lettertv.net/>

Letter TV is a collection of five-minute programs for emergent readers. The programs build basic phonemic skills and excitement about reading. The instructional design of the series incorporates key phonemic elements and models reading in context.

Sight words appear on-screen as the word is heard and the related object or action is viewed. Short songs encourage letter identification and provide clues for remembering the sound which the letter makes. Characters model reading and writing skills. A "brick wall" segment shows the featured letter and demonstrates how the specific sound the letter makes is used in the formation of the word. The featured letter is shown in signs, labels, name tags, or billboards in different fonts and contexts.

Teachers are encouraged to use the programs as an integral part of a comprehensive introduction to reading skills. The free teacher's guide on the series' website (<http://www.lettertv.net>) gives specific suggestions for utilization of the videos.

1.) **Letter TV: A**

Comma Commentator meets his friend, Norton, in Africa. Norton has lost his apple, and he suspects that either an ape, alligator, or ant has eaten his apple. He learns that the "alligator" is actually a crocodile named Al.

2.) **Letter TV: B (Preview Title)**

Coco Lynn and Peri Od are in Bloomington, Indiana, where a bee (the kind that buzzes) disrupts a bubble-blowing contest between a big brother and a baby brother. A poem by Mark Question distinguishes between a baseball "bat" and a mammalian "bat."

3.) **Letter TV: C**

Comma Commentator meets Clive the Cool Cat in a coffeehouse. Clive explores nontraditional music with claps, clanks, crashes, clops, and chimes. The Cactus Cowboys drop by to help round out his music. Both the soft and hard "C" sounds are featured throughout this episode.

4.) **Letter TV: D**

May Point and Comma Commentator present a Letter News broadcast about a day full of disasters. In the end, a dog and a duck divide a donut to resolve their conflict.

5.) **Letter TV: E**

Movie-maker Mark Question wants to do a movie about eggs, but Mark doesn't know much about eggs. Egg-expert Peri Od helps him out.

6.) **Letter TV: F**

Coco and Comma forage through the forest and find flamingos, a frog, and a fox. Mark recites a poem about a dog with fleas. This segment also includes the French word *fromage*, which is defined as part of the story.

7.) **Letter TV: G**

Peri Od hosts Letter TV Story Time. Gary, Gunther, and Gregor are three German giants who meet a goose. Only Gregor is generous when the goose asks for glass of water, some grapes, and some grass. The goose rewards Gregor with a golden egg.

8.) Letter TV: H

In a Letter News story, Mark Question introduces Hannah the Hero in Hawaii. Hannah helps people. She tries to help a hog who is hollering for help, but, as in turn "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," it turns out that the hog is just pretending.

9.) Letter TV: I

Peri Od stars in his show Incredible Eating. He's disappointed when the first restaurant he goes to only serves ice and the second one just serves ice cream. The Letter TV Music song is about the marriage of Mr. I and Mrs. It, a perfect fit.

10.) Letter TV: J

A jigsaw-juggling contest in Japan is covered by Letter Sports hosts Peri Od and Coco Lynn. The contestants are confounded by practical jokes that aren't very funny.

11.) Letter TV: K

Mark Question and Peri Od host a Letter TV special, "The King of Kites." In the show, Mark tries to make kites from all sorts of unlikely materials, such as kiwis and keys. With Peri's help, Mark learns that kites are best made of lightweight materials.

12.) Letter TV: L

In a Letter News story, little lizards take over the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Hordes of leaping linguini link together to create lassos and loop the lizards. The linguini don't leave until Larry the Lobster plays a lullaby on his lyre.

13.) Letter TV: M

In a Letter TV special, "The Making of Monster Movies," May Point interviews Mark Question, who claims to be a moviemaker. It turns out that none of Mark's movies has ever been made. This episode also emphasizes various words that describe "big" and "small."

14.) Letter TV: N

Peri Od and his nephew Norton star in a new Letter TV show, "Nifty Ways to Go North." They begin to travel north in a car made of nothing but noodles, but the car gets nibbled by newts. After Peri takes a nap, they continue north in a car made of nuts.

15.) Letter TV: O

Peri Od hosts a game show called "Od's Opposites." In the show, Coco Lynn must come up with an opposite word that starts with the letter O.

16.) Letter TV: P

Letter Sports presents a competition in which a pizza is given as a prize to anyone who can use a putter to pole-vault across a pool. This episode emphasizes graduated sizes, and challenges viewers to predict its outcome.

17.) Letter TV: Q

In a Letter News story about a quilter who quacks, Mark Question mistakenly calls the animal a quail. Comma Commentator explains how the letter Q is paired with the letter U to make the "kw" sound.

18.) Letter TV: R

Peri Od hosts a Letter TV Story Time featuring a warm-hearted story about a robot named Robby. Robby loses his prized ruby ratchet after he repairs a rocket racer piloted by a rhino named Rosa.

19.) Letter TV: S

May Point and Coco Lynn star in "Sisters in Space." They show good safety practices, and solve an energy problem when they stop and can't get started again.

20.) Letter TV: T

May Point hosts this edition of Letter TV Story Time. In a tale similar to the story "Stone Soup," Todd tries to build a tower, but has to trick the townspeople to get them to help. The tower is built of all kinds of items that start with the letter T.

21.) Letter TV: U

This Letter News story is a humorous twist on the tale of King Midas. Mark Question is in the Ukraine, and he has acquired a unique talent: everything he touches turns into a pair of wildly patterned boxer shorts -underwear!

22.) Letter TV: V

May Point and Mark Question host a Letter TV special called "Veggies, Veggies, Veggies!" May Point thinks it's a cooking show, but Mark Question thinks the vegetables have personalities, so he tries to keep May from chopping them up.

23.) Letter TV: W

A whale and a walrus compete in some weird contests, covered by Letter Sports hosts Peri Od and Coco Lynn. In the end, the whale and the walrus learn that winning isn't everything.

24.) Letter TV: X

Coco Lynn hosts an episode of Letter TV Story Time. The story is about a fox who is an expert at fixing things. A box appears on his doorstep with a note: "Fix this." The fox has trouble fixing the box.

25.) Letter TV: Y

Comma interviews Mark about his new art show, called "Yellow, Yellow, Yellow!" Mark has some pretty unconventional ideas about creating yellow art from yellow yogurt, yellow yolks, and yellow yarn.

26.) Letter TV: Z

Comma Commentator thinks he's on safari when he is really at the zoo. He searches for "Z" animals such as zebras and lizards but is distracted by a bizarre sound.