# Alphabet Letter Memorizing Trick

The following technique, (which we call Ping-Pong), is an immensely powerful tool that dramatically improves the speed in which any student can learn information. While it can be applied to all aspects of learning - it is used here to accelerate memorization of the 26 English alphabet letters and is especially helpful for students who have previously shown difficulty with learning alphabet letter names. The technique works by providing concentrated repetition of only small amounts of information, thereby not overwhelming the "short-term" memory and stimulating brain areas involved in long-term memory acquisition. TEACHERS CAN ALSO USE SCISSORS TO CUT OUT LETTER ROW BELOW AND TAPE TO STUDENT DESK FOR INDIVIDUALIZED MONITORING OF STUDENT PROGRESS.

## *HOW TO USE THE LETTER MEMORIZING TECHNIQUE*

**STEP 1** - Tell student(s) the name of the letter below - discuss the shape. Have student trace the "dotted" practice letter while repeating the letter name.
**STEP 2** - Have the student begin saying the 28 letters below. If an error is made, place an x below the letter – discuss the error and begin the row again.
**STEP 3** - Once the student can say all letters in the row correctly – advance to the next page which introduces the next letter.

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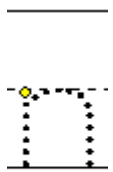
| n |  |

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| Draw Smiley Face in Box at right when letter row is said correctly. | |

Place a mark under the 1st letter said incorrectly for monitoring progress and motivating student to "beat" the error on next attempt.
Move to the next page only when all letters in the row are said without error. If more practice or motivation is needed, try "timing" student below.

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Use this "timing strategy" only if student hesitates significantly when saying letters above – Fill in with line to fastest time. 15 seconds = mastery

| 50 | 45 | 40 | 35 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 |
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