Texas Talk

• Pronunciation Guide

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Flash Cards: Use the “Pronunciation Guide” in the back of a Texas Almanac or the downloadable guide from the website:

   http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/population/texas-pronunciation-guide

   Teachers or students will make flash cards using 4” x 6” index cards. Print a name on one side and the pronunciation key on the other. These index cards can be used to play “Texas Talk” in the same manner as a spelling bee. Make sure to include some of the commonly mispronounced Texas names, such as BEXAR — BA är.

2. Ten-Tab Book: Students will create a Ten-Tab Book (see Appendix) by choosing 10 places from the “Pronunciation Guide.” On the tabs, students will write the place names. Under each tab, they will write the pronunciation. On the back of each tab, students will identify the place (town, county, river, etc.) and illustrate the place.

   Even though the Town of Gruene has a “U” in it, it is pronounced just like the color “green.” Ron Billings photo; Texas A&M Forest Service.