

I Live in a House

Materials Needed:

I Live in a House from the recording *Can You Sound Just Like Me*

A large box. The best size is the U-Haul box called the laydown wardrobe box that measures 36 ¼" X 21" X 10 ½"

Black felt

Paint

Pictures that are included with this lesson

Steps in making the house:

1. The box comes flat (not taped together). Unfold the box and cut off one long side which leaves you three sections still in tact.
2. On the middle section, cut two diagonals on the top. This will be the roof of the house.
3. On the two end sections, you will need to cut off the top flaps. Your box should now look like the pictures below.
4. The side of the box that has the writing on it should be completely covered with felt. Glue felt to all three sections.
5. On the front of the box in the middle section, you paint a picture of the outside of a house. Include doors, windows, roof, etc. You can then cut the windows and doors so that they open and close.
6. The two small sections can be folded to close it up and a piece of Velcro can be added to help keep it in place.

The only other preparation is to take the pictures shown on this lesson and have the kids color them. Then glue Velcro to the backs of the pictures.

Lesson:

Play the song *I Live in a House* and add the pictures to the inside of the house as the song is being played. Then talk about the pictures with the kids to see how many of the things they have in their houses. Not many of them will have a record player anymore and you might want to talk about how CDs and tapes took the place of records. Next, have one or two students put up the pictures as the song is being played. You could have students draw additional pictures to add to the house. Finally, place the house by the listening station or in the play area so students can use the house independently.

Variations:

It is important to talk about different kinds of homes. You may be a teacher working in a metropolitan area so you may want to design your house to look more like an apartment complex. You could also make smaller versions of the house to look like a trailer, condo, duplex, farmhouse, etc.

