



TOVA'S SYLLABLE GAME

Learn to Train an Israeli Guide Dog

The goal of this “game” is to get the students to practice their Hebrew reading/deciphering skills and help build their confidence in reading Hebrew words! ***It should be introduced as an activity/game **after** the Erech/Value portion of the day's lessons have already been covered so the students understand that Israeli Guide Dogs understand Hebrew Commands given them, NOT English commands.

When introducing this activity, the teacher should explain to the students that they are going to be learning to “train” these dogs in Israel, so in order to do this, they will need to know each of the commands, and to learn them, they'll need to be able to read them and pronounce them properly!

TEACHER'S PREPARATION:

You'll need to make copies of the sheet “**Learn to train an Israeli Guide Dog**” for each student.
(It's best to print the sheet back to back.)

**** Make sure to print out a copy of the answers/Key sheet for yourself to make it easy to check the answers of the student groups.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Break the students into “teams/groups.” Each group needs to have 2 or more students in the group.
(When I play this game, I try to mix the groups with students of different “levels” of reading skills to encourage collaboration & having the students help one another & build confidence.)
- Each group will work together for this entire exercise.
- Each command is listed on the right column.
- The middle column has a blank line which is for the kids to write down the number of syllables the Hebrew command word has. (This requires them to read the word aloud to one another.)
- Once the team has completed the entire worksheet, they should raise their hands and have the teacher check the sheet to ensure that their answers (the # of syllables) for each of the Hebrew commands are correct. If they are not, the group will need to go back and re-do the words that they did not do correctly. If all their responses were correct, they get a small prize! (A Hebrew sticker, a small piece of candy/chocolate, etc.)