Alphabet 1

Language level: Elementary (A1) - Pre-intermediate (A2)
Learner type: All ages
Time: 60 minutes
Activity: Revising and practising the alphabet, memorising and explaining vocabulary
Topic: The alphabet
Language: Definitions
Materials: Three short videos, A and B worksheets and PowerPoint presentation
Overview

Step 1
Tell your students they are going to practise the alphabet. Show them the letters in the video alphabet below.

Link:  http://www.vimeo.com/7106320

Step 2
Show students this video of the actor James Earl Jones saying the alphabet and ask them to repeat. Point out the different pronunciation of the letter z in British and American English.

Link:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxwrVw6Vsjw&

Step 3
Show students the PowerPoint presentation below where each slide has a letter and a word which starts with that letter.

Link:  http://www.slideshare.net/kierandonaghy/alphabet-9475514

Ask them to try to memorise as many as the sentences as they can in pairs.
Step 4

Show your students the short film Alphabet, and then ask them to try to remember as many of the sentences as they can in pairs.

Link: http://www.vimeo.com/29274467

Step 5

Get students to work with a new partner, and then give each student one of the pictures, Student A has pictures representing works beginning with the letters A-I, Student B has pictures representing works beginning with the letters J-R. The objective is for the students to describe the word their picture represents without using the word, but telling their partner which letter it starts with and describing it. For example, for letter D Student A could say, "It starts with D and it's something that a woman wears." Hopefully, Student B will say "dress", if not Student A should spell the word to Student B.
Student A's handout in a Word document [Student A lettersA-I](#). Here are the answers which you should give to Student A: Alphabet, Bee, Crochet, Dress, Embroidery, Flower, Gift, House, Insect.
Student B

Student B's handout in a Word document. Here are the answers which you should give to Student B: Jewels, Kite, Leaves, Moon, Necklace, Oranges, Poem, Quilt, Rose.
Extension

You could get your students to practise using the alphabet by spelling words to their partner using these worksheets from ESL Quality Time.