

# LESSON 44

## Texas Talk

- *Pronunciation Guide*

### SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 6, 22

7 - 8, 22

8 - 30

### STAAR

4, 7, 8 - Reading - 1

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Using the “Pronunciation Guide,” teachers will make flash cards using 4” x 6” index cards. The teacher should print the word 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. The teacher should be sure to include some of the commonly mispronounced Texas names, e.g., BEXAR — BA är.
2. Students will create a **Ten-Tab Book** (Appendix) by choosing ten 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 (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 Forest Service.*

