

LESSON 44

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

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.

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