The
LAUGHING
Sound

H

Features and Cues

✓ Open the mouth and exhale with slight force.
✓ Voice is turned OFF for /h/.

Need More Help?

- ☞ Place your student's hand in front of your mouth to let them feel the air.
- ☞ Prolong a silent "ah" vowel.

Common Errors

- ✗ Omission (e.g. says "at" for "hat")
- ✗ Excessive or insufficient breath pressure

Classroom Strategies

1. Model correct speech in response to some of the student's errors. Use emphasis and point to your mouth to highlight the corrected sound ("Yes, I like your **h**at!").

2. Point out the different sounds in print (e.g. "Look, 'house' has your practice sound.").

3. Create a small list of functional, key words for you and your student to practice together in their classroom routines. Write the words on a cue card or sticky note as a reminder.
   a. Can you think of any words that you use in your daily lessons that contain /h/?
   b. Does the student have a classmate whose name contains /h/?
   c. Are there any weekly vocabulary or spelling words that contain /h/?

4. Offer choices for correct responding to discussion questions (e.g. "Did the Mom give the boy a 'ugg' or a '**h**ug'?"). Place emphasis on the correct sound.

5. Remember to acknowledge the student's attempts to communicate. Show interest in what they are saying and give them extra time to respond, as needed.