

British Council Teaching English

Supporting Literacy Development-Mini Event

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Venue: A mini event online

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Session 3: ‘The Polar Bear’s Pin’ - An EFL phonics story to teach pronunciation to young learners

Speaker:

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Session information:

This webinar will show teachers how to work with a phonics story for young learners of English. She will reveal how simple it can be to introduce new articulatory habits through a story of her own called ‘The Polar Bear’s Pin.’ This story creates a world of fantasy to experiment the distinction between the “P” in polar and the “B” in bear. Unless EFL learners produce aspiration, they would tend to say ‘bin’ for ‘pin’. This context will provide the right scaffolding for the distinction of this minimal pair, in a memorable and fun way.

Download the handout from this session