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Introducing the Letter I i *(cont.)*

Sounds and Objects

Long I

Materials: island (large piece of poster board cut into the shape of an island), objects that begin with the long **I** sound (ice cube trays, ice cream containers, ice skates, icing, iris, iron, ivory, ivy)

Short I

Materials: invitation (large piece of construction paper with an invitation to something written on it), objects that begin with the short **I** sound (ink, insect, inch, infant-baby doll, Indian, instrument)

Place the island and invitation on the floor. Place all of the long and short **I** objects randomly on the island and invitation. Have the children name each object as you show it to the class. Repeat the word, emphasizing the beginning sound. As the objects are introduced to the class, place them on a table.

Each child comes up to the table and selects an object. If it begins like invitation, he/she places it on the invitation. If it begins like island, the child places it on the island.

When you feel that the children can distinguish between the long and short **I** sounds, you might like to challenge them by adding objects that begin with other sounds. If a child picks up one of these objects, he/she can feed it to the sound muncher. Have the child or the class make the beginning sound of the non-**I** object that is being eaten.

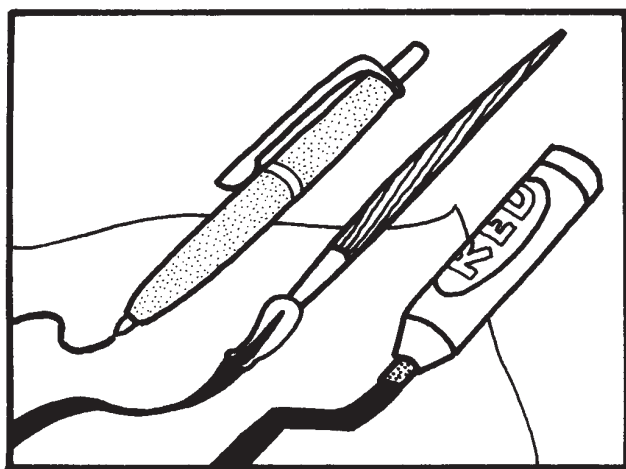
Letter Centers

Igloo

Materials: pieces of cardboard, sugar cubes, glue
Children glue sugar cubes to form an igloo on a piece of cardboard

Ink

Materials: paper, different colors of ink pens
Children write and draw pictures with various colors of ink pens.



I i Play Dough

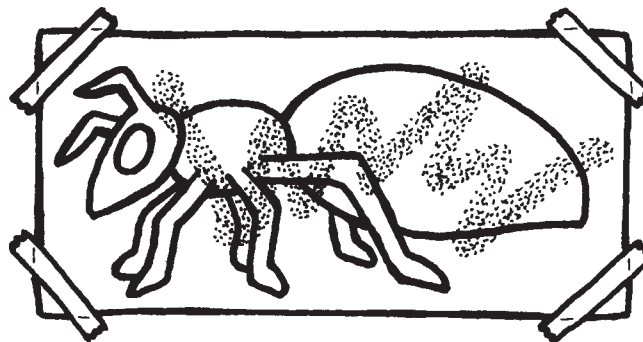
Materials: play dough, cookie cutters in shapes that begin with the long and short **I** sound (Indian, insect, island, etc.)

Children press cookie cutters into the play dough to make pictures and patterns. They can also roll out the dough to form the capital and lowercase letters **I i**.

Insects

Materials: coloring pages that have pictures of insects, crayons

Children color in pictures of different insects.



Introducing the Letter K k *(cont.)*

Patterns

