

T – Quiet Tongue Dancing Sound

“What am I using when I make this sound? ‘T.’ That’s right! I’m using my tongue! What is it doing? (Instructor makes quiet tapping sounds with tongue to imitate tap dancing sound, ‘T-t-t-t---t--t,’ while lightly tapping fingernails on the desktop.) It sounds like my tongue is tap-dancing up there, behind my teeth, doesn’t it? We can call this the tongue dancing sound. Let’s see if our voices are on or off. Oh, our voices are off, so this is the quiet tongue dancing sound! (Introduce picture.) This tongue quietly dances, with the tip of the tongue tapping up on the top of the mouth. He keeps his arms out for balance while he quietly taps, and he has sneakers on, so he won’t make much noise. I wonder who his noisy partner is!” (Students may enjoy acting out this letter, putting their arms out and tapping dancing while making the sound.)

Hand cue: Tap fingers or fingernails quietly on the table.