

## **Y (as a consonant) – The Skier**

(Show picture.) “This is a famous skier who just started going down a very steep mountain. He is starting to lose his balance and beginning to fall down the mountain! He’s starting to say, ‘Yikes!’ He just starts to say, ‘Y---,’ and then he goes right down the mountain on one leg! He doesn’t even finish yelling! Start to say ‘Yikes!’ like him and then stop when I hold my hand up. Here we go... ‘Y-’ STOP! That’s the sound this letter makes when he’s at the beginning of a word, ‘Y!’”

(This story explains *Y* as a consonant, found at the beginning of a word, and pronounced “y” as in “yes.”) For the sounds of *Y* in other positions, refer to the Lively Letters Instruction Manual.

*Hand cue: Pretend to be looking down a steep mountain, with a frightened look. Put your hand up and then slide it down diagonally, as if a skier, speeding down a mountain.*