



TexaSpeaks

Monthly Newsletter
August 2022

Message from the President

Hello TSCA Members!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful start to the year. As you are planning your year, please do not forget to plan for our annual convention. This year it takes place at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront, October 6-8. You can see more details and see the current draft of the convention program at the TSCA website (convention button in the top right corner).

Please encourage any new teachers in your area to join us. A simple statement of encouragement from you could make all the difference in their career.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this year and seeing you all at convention!

Lacy Cannon
TSCA President



Lipogram Language Challenge

Want to teach students thoughtful communication and listening skills?
Try out this activity shared by member Michael Donaldson!

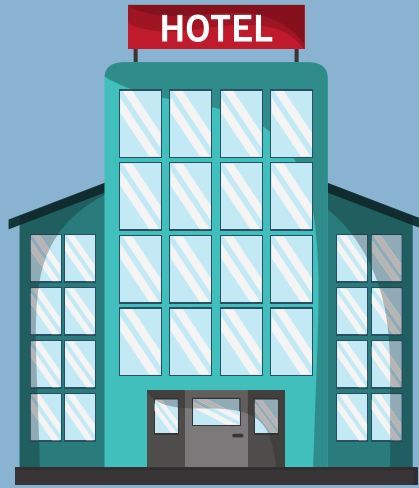
Partner up students and have them begin a conversation. Once they've started talking, it's time to up the ante! Gradually, remove a single letter of the alphabet and tell them they can't use any word that has that word at all. Protip - start at the end of the alphabet with the letter "Z" and work your way backwards!

Students can call out when their partner uses a word with a banned letter - turn it into a classroom competition by creating a tournament bracket. Who will come out on top as the grand lipogram champion?
Additional guidelines: students must convey meaning with their sentences and they have to keep the conversation going with minimal pausing.





Know about a job or want to add a job listing? email webmaster@etsca.com with details.



Don't forget to book your stay at the Convention hotel!
Use [this link](#) to reserve at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront Hotel.

Rates are \$129/night with complimentary parking and 50% off valet



2023 Journal Submissions

[Click here](#) to read the call for submissions for our 2023 Academic Journal. We are seeking papers that focus on research in human communication.

Submissions must be received by:
December 31, 2022.

Thank You

As a thank you to our educators who have shown years of dedication and service, all educators who have attended TSCA Convention for 25 years or more will receive a free convention registration.



CONVENTION 2022
ROCKWALL, TX
OCTOBER 5-8, 2022

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEXT YEAR'S THEME:
KEEP IT SIMPLE!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

TSCA is currently working on:

- Restoring a state required speech credit
- Allowing Oral Interpretation to count for a Fine Arts credit
- Exploring the creation of AP Debate and Oral Interpretation courses

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Have a resource or announcement to share with the body? Email socialmediatsca@gmail.com