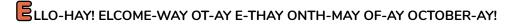
## URSULA'S WRITING IDEAS

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Hang on, say that again, Ursula?

Oh! Sorry. I just said "Hello! Welcome to the month of October!" in Pig Latin. That's a language invented by school children more than a hundred years ago. You can learn Pig Latin yourself in two minutes' flat! It's all about the sounds that words **open** with.

Here's what you do. When you want to say a word in Pig Latin, you take away the sound that opens the word. You put that sound at the end of the word. And THEN you add the sound **AY**.

So **HELLO** becomes:

## **ELLO-HAY**

It's as easy as that!

If a word opens with sounds like CH or TH or SH, you take the whole sound and put it at the end and then add the sound **AY**. So the word **THE** becomes:

## E-THAY

There's only one more rule, and for once it's a rule that makes things even easier. If a word opens with a vowel, that is, A E I O or U, all you do is add AY to the end. You don't have to do anything else with it at all.

So **OCTOBER** is simply **OCTOBER-AY**.

You've got it! So now, why not introduce yourself to the person next to you with your name in Pig Latin.

"Ello-hay. Y-may ame-nay is-ay \_\_\_\_\_\_-ay!"

Hmmm, I wonder if you could write a whole STORY in Pig Latin? (That would sure be a lot of **AYS**!)









