

## Dog Squeak Toy

Here's the replacement sound maker for the space gun. It makes a great sound, doesn't need batteries, will never wear out, and is almost impossible to break. (The only challenge is to avoid looking ridiculous as you squeeze each of the 50-odd toys in the local pet shop trying to find just the right one.) Everyone knows to "stop, look, and listen" when they hear the squeak-squeak-squeak.



**Fig. 5-11**  
A dog squeak toy is one of the two sound makers I start with each year.

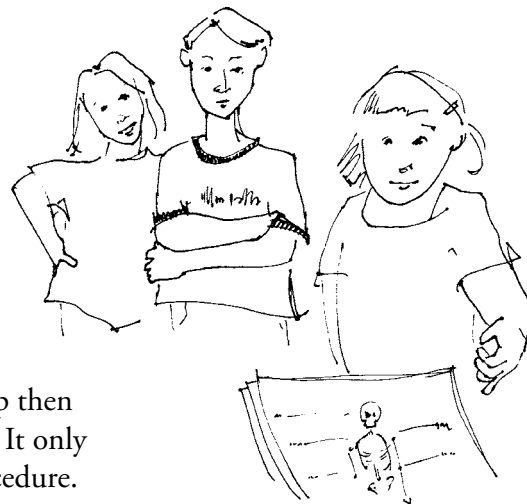
## Hotel Bell

This is the second sound maker I introduce each year. It's a simple hotel bell, or call bell. The one shown to the right came from an old card game called Pit, but you can buy one at Staples or Office Depot for about five bucks.



The bell sits on my desk. Whenever I need to pass out material—the activity sheet we're about to do, the kind of paper the students are going to need for an assignment, or merely the reminder note about Picture Day being this Friday—I ring the hotel bell.

Each team (we have five teams of students who sit together) sends up a representative. The team rep tells me how many are needed and I hand him that amount<sup>†</sup>. The rep then returns to his team to disseminate the papers. It only takes my new class two days to learn this procedure. After that, it's a zero-effort, no-brainer.



<sup>†</sup> This is a great time to remind your students about the "name, number, date" procedure. As I give the papers to the team rep, I say, "Tell your teammates: name, number, date. Thanks."