

Teach Your Child to Read Resource Book Series

Book 2 Vocabulary Building



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A list of Vocabulary themes

As much as is possible, always start with the concrete objects, but if these are not possible use pictures instead. Ensure that you are not stressing out the child, learning should be fun, don't worry the child will learn, some faster than others but they all learn. Use the 3 Period Lessons to introduce words to the child. Themes could include the following:

1. My Meals and tools for eating – This for me is a great starting point, as this is a daily activity for the child. Start off by telling the child “We are going to eat now” name the meal and the utensils. Keep adding on to the information. As time progresses you could now ask child to show you ‘the bowl, spoon, cup or bottle’. If there are any errors in the answers given, simply point and name the objects to the child again.

Language: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, plate, milk, yam, rice, bread, stew, meat, chicken, fork, knife, cutlery etc.

2. My Bedroom – Language: bed, rug, chair, wardrobe, pillow, towel, clothes etc.
3. My House – door, window, room, kitchen, bedroom, toilet
4. My Family – Mummy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa
5. My School – Teacher, classroom, Proprietors Office, whiteboard, school bag, water bottle, uniform.
6. My Classroom – chair, desk, pencil, pencil sharpener, duster eraser, crayons, marker,
7. Parts of the body – head, shoulders, body, knees and toes.
8. The Sitting Room- curtains, couch, arm chair, coffee table, carpet, book case, television, TV remote control, fan
9. The Kitchen – cooker, oven, kettle, pot, spoon, fridge, tea towel, cupboard
10. The Toilet – toothbrush, mirror, towel ring/hanger, toilet rolls toilet brushes, tap soap, tile, bucket, bath tub, shower
11. The Church/Mosque – Pastor/Imam, altar, Bible/Quran, choir
12. The Doctors Clinic- Doctor, Nurse, Waiting Room, injection, needle, medicine,
13. The Playground – Slide, tire swing, climbing
14. The Computer Room – Computers, monitor, keyboard, mouse, printer
15. Feelings – happy, smiling, sad, angry, excited, afraid, shy, curious
16. Places around my town – bank, church, doctor's clinic, fire station, market, library hospital, bus station.
17. Peoples Jobs – barber, doctor, farmer, fire fighter, gardener, nurse, pilot, policeman, tailor, and teacher.
18. Shapes – triangle, circle, square, rectangle, diamond
19. Colours – red, yellow, blue, pink, white, brown, black
20. Fruits – orange, apple, banana, pineapple, mango
21. Vegetables – cabbage, carrots, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, okra, onion,
22. Flowers – sunflower, bird of paradise, daffodil, dahlia, daisy, lily orchid, poppy violet, tulip
23. Transportation vehicles– car, van, bus, horse cart, motorcycle, bicycle, ship, boat, train
24. The Sky – Sun, moon, stars, cloud, aeroplane, birds,

25. Land and Water forms – mountain, hill, valley, lake, river, spring, ocean, beach, grassland
26. Animals – deer, giraffe, fox, bear, monkey, zebra, lion, rabbit
27. Domestic Animals – cat, dog, duck, goat, hen, horse, pig, sheep, turkey
28. Wild Animals – lion, leopard, tiger, fox, elephant, wolf.
29. Birds – canary, crow, eagle, hawk, hummingbird, owl, parrot, penguin, robin, ostrich, flamingo
30. Insects – ant, beetle, butterfly, cockroach, cricket, dragonfly, ladybug, wasp, mosquito, bee, housefly, grasshopper
31. Similar Words – Mummy/Mum/Mother, Daddy/Dad/Father, Grandma/Grandmother, Grandpa/Grandfather, equal/same, easy/simple, begin/start, finish/end, watch/see, correct/right
32. Opposite Words – hot/cold, fast/slow, wet/dry, in/out, big/small, laugh/cry, young/old, tall/short
33. Rhyming Words - cat, bat; dog, log; bell, cell; ball, tall.
34. Oceanic Animals: Fish, Octopus, Crab, Lobster etc.
35. Tools: hammer, axe, plier, saw,

Teachers Resources

1. VOCABUILD (For Pre- Primary) Book 1
BY FIRST VERITAS
2. Flash cards are useful if you can get sets with very good photographs of categories of items you want your children to see and learn their names.
3. Mariam Webster Visual Dictionary. There is an online version:-
<http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/>
4. Montessori 3 Part Cards, Addlo Montessori has some sets available in PDF format. Each set has 15 plus picture cards, and therefore are a rich relevant resource for vocabulary building and support for Cultural Subjects activities.
 - a. All About Africa
 - b. Animals of Africa
 - c. Flowers of Africa
 - d. Regions of Africa and West African Countries
 - e. Fruits
 - f. Food Crops found in Nigeria.

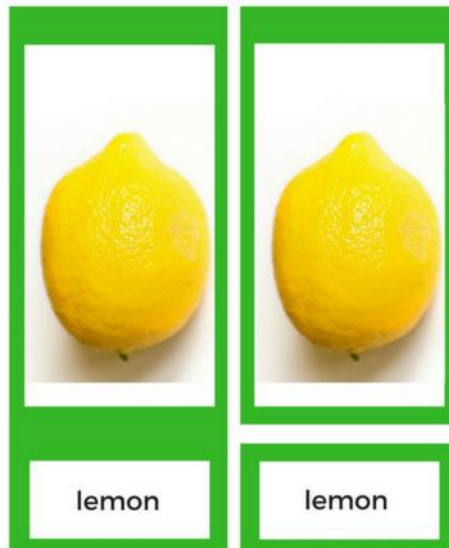
Here are a few examples of what they look like

Nigerian Food Crops Montessori 3 Part Cards



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Lemon



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The Giraffe



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The Hibiscus Flower



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