

Road Signs

set 1

Words used:

stop
yield
left turn only
right turn only
signal ahead
do not enter
bicycle crossing
school crossing
speed limit
hospital

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Picture Flashcard Instructions

More than a flashcard, our picture cards are bigger than average making them user-friendly for even the youngest of learners. Boldly printed words accompanied by quality pictures make these cards clear and easy to read. The size of the card is attractive to children, and they will enjoy seeing them, touching them, and exploring the cards on their own.

The picture flashcards can be used in preschools or in home school settings; and can be used in a variety of unit studies such as parts of the body or household chores. You can use these cards to compliment any unit, introduce vocabulary, review vocabulary, and/or practice vocabulary. They are especially effective for practicing vocabulary in conversation.

How to Use Your Picture Flashcards

Starting conversations. During circle times, for example, students can discuss the different kinds of housing with which they are familiar or discuss the different household chores they see being done in their homes. They can compare and contrast between fruits and vegetables or discuss the uses of different kinds of tools or kitchenware.

Of the 80 different sets of picture cards, many lend themselves well to labeling objects around the house, such as kitchenware and toys. Labeling objects can encourage impromptu discussions using the new vocabulary as well.

Practicing/Reviewing Vocabulary. As it sounds, the traditional use of “flashcards” that allows students to look at the picture card and recall information about it. It is a simple, quick way to check understanding and prepare for tests.

You can also use them to introduce content before reading a book. Just couple the picture cards with relevant story books or informational texts in order to reinforce words. You can use the cards to teach and review important vocabulary before and after reading the texts.

Playing games. Playing games with picture cards is an effective way to retain knowledge in a fun and low stress way. There are many games you can play with picture cards. Here are a few of them:

Four Corners. This game is a good TPR (Total Physical Response) activity for eliciting conversation using the picture card vocabulary. Take four picture cards in your target set and hang them in four corners of the room. Ask open-ended questions that allow your students to have differing opinions and tell them to choose the corner that best represents their opinion. Some example questions are “Which is your favorite toy” or “Which is your least favorite household chore?”

Flyswatter. A really fun, high energy game, all you have to do to play is take your cards and spread them out randomly on a table or the floor. Make two teams where one player from one team will face off a player from the other team. Then, call out a vocabulary word. The goal of the game is to swat the correct word card before their opponent does. If working with just one learner, see how fast they can smack the right card to see if they can beat their own record, or give them a time limit to find and smack the right card.

How does using picture flashcards benefit the learner?

Picture cards are very beneficial when used correctly. It is important to remember that using picture cards effectively means reviewing the material at set intervals.

Picture cards lend themselves well to being presented over intervals of time or “spaced repetition.” They are easy to carry where ever you go, and take only small amounts of time to review. Also of importance in using these picture cards is practicing new vocabulary through conversation. Using the picture cards as conversation starters helps the learner to retain new vocabulary. Picture cards also work well in group or individual settings, and are appropriate for all ages!

- Conversation starters
- Easy to carry
- Easy to use when studying on-the-go
- Appropriate for all ages
- Perfect for groups or individuals
- Ease of use

Preparing your Picture Flashcard PDF

1. Print your flashcard PDF, in color preferably.
2. The first page of your PDF is the title page and word list. Fold this page in half along the dotted line to create a sleeve for use in storing the flashcards.
3. There are two flashcards per page, so cut each page in half along the straight line and then cut away the margins as well.

Keep your cards in the title page sleeve when not in use. If you wish to laminate your flashcards, it may be easier to laminate before cutting. However, if you have a big laminator, it may be more cost effective to cut them first and lay them side by side if you can get more than two on a page.

Presenting your Picture Flashcards

Decide when you are going to present the picture cards. Choose a time you think your student or students will be most perceptive to learning. Is it for a review, or to introduce new vocabulary? When you do present them, evaluate the needs of your learner, and go at his pace. If you have a big class, make sure that all students have seen the card before moving on.



stop



yield



left turn only



right turn only



signal ahead



do not enter



bicycle crossing



school crossing



speed limit



hospital