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This is the second
in a series of six literacy lesson plan publications, designed to be used throughout the three academic school terms.


## Introduction

Teacher training remains a key element in improving schools and increasing learning outcomes. Where teachers are not supported, there may be high rates of teacher absenteeism, pupil drop out and apathy from parents. Jigawa State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) are working with the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria (ESSPIN) to increase the capacity of teachers and school heads to be effective and accountable.

Following the 2010 Teacher
Development Needs
Assessment, we collectively embarked on a series of reforms to strengthen teacher quality and school leadership. This work has focused on how to make teaching child-centred, and the organisational structures needed to improve service delivery.

These lesson plans are not designed to replace professional teachers' preparations. They address gaps in linking theory and practice and focus on improving pupils' literacy and numeracy through a step-by-step guide for teachers, while ensuring children that become active learners. Alongside the plans, new structures and processes ensure that teachers are continuously supported by both the State School Improvement Team (SSIT) and the LGEA-based school support officers (SSOs).

I am confident that with correct implementation and targeted support, these lesson plans will raise standards and improve the quality of teaching and learning outcomes.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology appreciates all those who have worked hard to produce these lesson plans and train our teachers to use them. Specifically, I offer thanks to DFID for its ongoing support through the ESSPIN programme.

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## Introduction Organising the classroom for effective learning

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## Organising the classroom

 for effective learningYour classroom is a flexible space. You can change it to suit the learning activities.

Pupils take part in many different activities during each week, eg: games, role plays, circle discussions, group tasks, copying from the chalkboard, using teaching aids, working with a partner, working alone, etc. All these activities need different ways of organising your classroom, eg:

Tables arranged around the edge of the room so there is a space in the middle for games, songs or role play. Pupils can see each other and this helps communication.

Tables arranged in rows so that the pupils can see the chalkboard. This is useful when they need to see something you have written or drawn on the chalkboard.

Tables arranged in groups. This helps pupils to talk together and share ideas. They can see each other clearly and can easily work with one set of number cards or one sheet of paper to produce a joint end product.

Each time you start the day you should think about the activities you need to do and decide if your classroom needs to be arranged differently. Work with the other teachers in your school and cluster, your head teacher and school support officer (SSO) to discuss different ways of arranging your classroom for learning.

Group and pair work

Group and pair work is the basis of a learner-centred classroom, they allow pupils to work together:

To discuss, solve problems or to play learning games.

To find their own way in their learning.
The main benefits of group and pair work are:

More pupils can be active at one time. Pupils can talk and listen to each other, or work on a problem together.
The teacher can walk around the room to monitor what groups and individuals are doing, and can stop with each group to help them with their task. Spending more time with the pupils helps teachers better understand what individual pupils know and can do.

Group work is also one of the best ways of teaching social skills to pupils. While working in groups, pupils are learning a variety of skills including:
Co-operation.
Taking turns.
Listening to others.
Sharing.
Working harmoniously with others.
Solving problems.
The development of these life skills is a major reason why group and pair work is undertaken in most modern classrooms.

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Low-cost teaching aids, stories, songs and rhymes

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## Spelling tricky words

Look carefully at the word.
How many letters has it got? Are there any dangly or tall letters? Can you sound any letters out? Write the word in the air.
Say the word five times.
Hide the word.
Write the word.
Check the word you have written carefully. If it is correct, well done. But if any letters are wrong, change them. Repeat until you can spell the word correctly.
'I can' book

Collect six large pieces of paper or card.
Make two holes in the top of each and thread string through to make a book.

What is in the box?

Write words on flash cards.
Gather a set of objects and/or pictures to explain the words.

Put the pictures or objects in a box.

Hold up one of the flash cards.

Read the word, sounding
it out carefully.
Choose a pupil to come and find the matching object or picture in the box.

Knees bend
The clapping song

Knees bend, knees bend / Right toes point, right toes point /
Left toes point, left toes point /
Step to the right, step to the left.

Clap to your partner / Clap out, clap in /
Clap under, clap over /
Clap under, clap over /
Clap to the right, clap to the left /
Clap, clap around /
Clap, clap to your partner.

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## Weeks

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Rainbow
Row, row, row your boat

Row, row, row your boat / Gently down the stream /
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily /
Life is but a dream.
Row, row, row your boat /
Gently down the stream /
If you see a crocodile /
Don't forget to scream.

This is the way

This is the way I wash my plate, wash my plate, wash my plate /
This is the way I wash my plate /
Early in the morning.

One, two, buckle my shoe

One, two, buckle my shoe / Three, four, knock at the door / Five, six, pick up sticks / Seven, eight, lay them straight / Nine, ten, a big fat hen.

The greedy tortoise: Part 1

Once upon a time, there was a greedy animal called Tortoise. One day he said, 'I am hungry, but I do not have any food.' Tortoise went to his friend Koko's house. Koko was at the farm, so his wife opened the door. Tortoise could smell delicious stew cooking. Suddenly, there was a sound outside. Koko's wife went out to see what was happening. 'This stew smells very good,' said Tortoise, 'I will look while they are outside'.

The greedy tortoise: Part 2

Tortoise was very hungry so he quickly went into the kitchen and saw a big pot of yam and fish stew. He tried to eat some of the stew, but it was very hot. He took his cap off and put the stew in it. Before he could eat it, Koko and his wife returned.

Quickly, Tortoise put the cap on his head and greeted Koko and his wife. They asked him to stay and eat with them, but his head was burning because of the stew in his cap. He ran out of the house and pulled his cap from his head, crying with pain. His head was very sore. 'Why didn't I wait?' said Tortoise, 'I will never be greedy again.'

Jibril's sister
is a special day for
Jibril. His new baby sister was born today. She is so beautiful and she looks just like Jibril. Jibril asks his mother if he can hold the baby girl.
'Shhh!' his mother says, 'The baby is sleeping'. Jibril copies his mother, saying 'Shhh'. Jibril's mother says that her baby needs some things to help her grow strong and healthy. She needs some blankets to keep her warm and some milk to drink.

## Sound story:

 ngThe king was always sad. One day, he heard a bird sing. It was a lovely song. The king was so happy. Every day the bird sang. Every day the king was happy. One day, the king did not hear the song. He saw the bird on the ground. The bird had hurt its wing. The king told his servant to bring a doctor for the bird. The doctor made the bird better. The bird sang again.

|  | Words/phrases | Assessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | blue <br> red orange green purple yellow white black <br> This colour is | During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea. |

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Week 6
Day 1 ,

Lesson
title

## This is the colour blue

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask pupils to say the names of different colours they know and you write them on the chalkboard as the pupils say them. | Ask pupils to collect a selection of different coloured objects from inside and outside the classroom and put them on their desks. | Ask each pair to stand and say one of their sentences to the class. |
| Show pupils the objects you have brought and ask them to say what colour they are. | Ask them to tell a partner the colour of each object using the sentence: 'This is the colour _-' |  |
| Ask pupils to say the names of the colours of the objects in a sentence, eg: 'This is the colour blue.' | 'This is the colour _-' <br> Let each pair make a sentence using the name and colours of the objects on their desk, eg: 'This is a blue bag.' <br> 'This is a green leaf.' |  |
|  | Ask pupils to draw one object and write the name of the colour underneath. |  |

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Week 6
Colour
Day 2


By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Read and write sentences with 'I' and 'you'.

Read and write sentences using the names of colours.


## Before the lesson:

Have ready the revision word flash cards and objects from Day 1.
Have ready the ' 1 ' and 'you' cards.
Have ready a set of flash cards with the names of the colours written on them.

Find some coloured crayons.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Flash the revision word cards.
Show the 'l' and 'you' cards to the class and read the words.
Say, 'I can eat' and mime this.
Say, 'You can hop' and tell a pupil to hop and say, 'I can hop'.
Tell the pupil to make up a 'You can' sentence and choose someone to do it.
Repeat several times.
Read the book of sentences from yesterday with the pupils.
Tell them to write sentences beginning with 'I can' and 'You can' in their exercise books.

| $\begin{array}{l\|l} 10 & \text { Game } \\ \text { minutes } & \end{array}$ | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Pair task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Play the 'Colours' game. | Show the pupils one of  <br> Ask pupils to exchange <br> the objects you brought in <br> and say its colour, eg: exercise books with <br> a partner. |  | Ask one or two pairs to read their sentences to the class. |
| Tell the pupils they are going to walk around the |  |  |  |
| to hold up a card with a colour word on it. | Ask pupils to look around the classroom and draw | Tell the pairs to ask each other questions about their pictures and respond as follows: <br> 'What colour is it?' <br> 'My book is blue.' |  |
| Tell them to read the word, find something of that colour and go and touch it. | Ask each pupil to write the name of the colour on their drawing, and if possible colour their picture in the correct colour. |  |  |
| The first person to touch the colour comes and holds up the next colour card for everyone to find. |  | write the sentences under their pictures. <br> Encourage pupils to use the flash cards to help them. |  |

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Week 6
Colour
Day 3

Lesson

## My name is

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Stand the pupils in a circle at the front of the classroom, and ask one of them: 'What is your name and your favourite colour?' | Ask the pupils to collect about 10 different objects of three different colours. <br> Ask them to group the objects by colour. | Ask the pupils to say some sentences with a partner, using all the groups of objects on their table, eg: 'I have some green bags'. | Choose some pupils to read out their sentences. |
| Tell the pupils to clap and move around shouting 'shout, shout it out'. | Choose individual pupils to hold up one group of objects and say, eg: ‘I have | Write the following words on the chalkboard for the pupils to put in the |  |
| Ask the pupil to shout out, 'My name is Bilkis and I like the colour _-'. | some blue pencils.' <br> Tell them that 'some' means more than one. | correct order and write in their exercise books: <br> 'blue' 'pencils' |  |
| Ask that pupil to ask another pupil: 'What is your name and your favourite colour?' | Repeat about five times with different pupils and objects. | 'have' <br> 'l' <br> 'some'. <br> Ask pupils who finish to |  |
| Repeat about four or five times. |  | write the sentence again, replacing the word 'blue' for a different colour. |  |

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Week 6
Colour
Day 4

Lesson
title

Jibril has a sister

| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |
| :---: | :---: |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |
|  | h the 'I', 'you' and 'the' |
| Read and write sentences with the word 'go'. | and say the words with the pupils. |
|  | Hold up |
| Ask and answer simple questions about a story. | if anyone can |
|  | Ask the class to read the sentences on the chalkboard with you. |
| Teaching aids | Choose several pupils to underline the word 'go' on the chalkboard. |
| Before the lesson: | Ask pairs to think of sentences |
| Have the 'l', 'you' and 'the' cards ready. | Ask the class to share their |
| Write 'go' on a large card. | sentences and you write them on the chalkboard. |
| Write these sentences on thechalkboard: |  |
| 'I go to sleep.' 'You go to work.' 'I go to the shop.' 'You go to school.' | Tell them to mime each sentence |
|  | and say 'I go _-' |
|  |  |
|  | beginning with 'I go _-' in their |
| bril's sis | exercise book |


| 10 minutes | $\left.\right\|^{25} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l\|l} \text { minutes } \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{l}10 \\ \text { minutes }\end{array}\right\|$ Story |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Pair task | Whole class teaching | Individual task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask pupils to write the names of two different objects that are the same colour, eg: ‘green table, green tree'. | Read 'Jibril's sister' to the class. | Tell the pupils that the baby in the story needed | Read the story again and ask pupils to put their fingers to their mouths and say 'sh' when they hear the sound. |
|  | Read it again and tell pupils to listen for words with 'sh' sounds. | some blankets. Remind them of the meaning of the word 'some'. |  |
| Let each pair read and check each other's work. | Ask pupils to mention words with the sound 'sh' in the story, ie: 'Jibril' and 'she'. | Ask pupils to write three sentences including the word 'some'. <br> While they are doing this, |  |
|  | Ask questions about the story, eg: | move around the classroom and read the following sentences with |  |
|  | 'Who is sleeping?' | individual pupils: |  |
|  | 'What did Jibril's mother say to him?' | 'The baby is beautiful.' 'The baby is sleeping.' |  |
|  | 'What did the baby need?' |  |  |

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Week 6
Colour
Day 5

Lesson
title

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Use 'yes' and 'no' correctly.
Write questions using 'can'.
Role play the story 'Jibril's sister'.

| Teaching aids |
| :--- |
| Before the lesson: |
| Have ready the 'I', 'you', 'the' |
| and 'go' cards. |
| Write 'yes' and 'no' on large cards. |
| Write these questions on the |
| chalkboard: |
| 'Can you run?' |
| 'Can you fly?' |
| 'Can you sleep?' |
| Bring in a toy baby and a piece |
| of cloth to wrap it in. |

## Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Flash the 'l', 'you' and 'go' cards and say the words with the pupils.

Hold up the 'yes' and 'no' cards and ask if anyone can read them.

Ask pupils to read the questions on the chalkboard, one at a time and answer 'yes' or 'no'.

Make up more questions for the class to answer.

In pairs, ask pupils to make up more questions beginning with 'can'.
Ask each pair to say their question and choose pupils to reply with 'yes' or 'no'.
Ask the pupils to write some 'can' questions in their exercise books and write the reply 'yes' or 'no'.


Week<br>Ali and Chidi

'Revision words’ market During the lesson, walk

## you

the
yes
no
‘Tricky words’
go
to
do
was
they
all
never
always
market
stall
fish
vegetables
I can see

During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.

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Week 7
Ali and Chidi
Day 1

What can you see?

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Spell 'do' and 'was'.
Use the phrase 'I can see'.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready the revision words on flash cards.
Write 'do' and 'was' on flash cards.
Write these sentences on the chalkboard:
'I do the sums.'
'Do you eat yam?'
'We do a lot of jobs.'
'Edet was sad.'
It was hot in the hut.'
'The man was in the shop.'

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Flash the revision word cards.
Display 'do' and ask the pupils to read it with you.
Explain that the ' $o$ ' in 'do' changes
its sound to 'oo' as in 'boo'.
Read the first three sentences with the class.

Ask some pupils to underline the 'do' words on the chalkboard.
Use the 'look, say, hide, write, check' approach to help pupils learn the spelling.
Repeat this process with 'was'.
The ' $a$ ' in 'was' changes its sound. The word is pronounced 'wos', but it is spelled with an ' $a$ '.

Ask the pupils to write 'He was sad' and 'I do jobs' in their exercise books.

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 | 10 <br> minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Group task | Whole class teaching |
| Write the word 'see' on the chalkboard. | Provide objects of different colours, spread them around the classroom and point to any object, asking them: 'Where can you see a/the __?' | Ask pupils to open Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 51. | Teach the class 'Row, row, row your boat', doing actions to show its meaning. |
| Point to your eyes. Say the word 'see' and ask the class: 'What can you see?' |  | English 2, page 51. <br> Ask each group to look at the picture and say one sentence about what |  |
| Ask them to reply by completing the sentence: 'I can see _-' | Ask the pupils to respond by using the following sentence, eg: ‘I can see a blue bag on the table.' | they can see. <br> Read the story 'Ali and Chidi' from Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 51. |  |
|  |  | Tell the pupils to listen and note if anything they have said is mentioned in the story. |  |

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Ali and Chidi
Day 2

Lesson
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## Alf and Chidi



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Spell 'they' and 'all'.
Read a simple story and identify the main events.


Before the lesson:
Have the revision word flash cards ready.

Have ready flash cards of 'they' and 'all'.
Have ready the colour flash cards.
Read the story in Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 51 and make sure you can read it easily.
Write the following words on the chalkboard: 'fish', 'market', 'melon', 'vegetables', 'stall'.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Flash the revision word cards.
Choose pupils to write 'do' and 'was' on the chalkboard.

Write these sentences on the chalkboard:
'They can run.
'They did the sums.'
'Do they sell yams?'
'We all read in class.'
'You must all sleep.'
'They all ran fast.'
Follow the process from
Day 1 to teach the words 'they' and 'all'.

Dictate the following sentence slowly and tell the class to write it in their exercise books: 'They all do the sums.'


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## Week 7

Ali and Chidi
Day 3

## Alf and Chidi

## Introduction

Group task
Show the pupils the
'some', 'all' and 'none'
flash cards.
Explain what the words
mean:
['all' means everybody;
'some' means a few;
'none' means nobody
(Use your local language
to help you explain.)
Place ‘all', 'none’ and 'some' flash cards in different places in the room

Game
|

10

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

Ask each pair to make sentences about their class
using the sentence grid below and write them in their exercise books.
Sentence box to draw on the chalkboard:

| All <br> Some <br> none | of the boys <br> of the girls | have pencils <br> have rulers <br> have glasses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Ali and Chidi
Day 4

Lesson
title

## The greedy tortoise

| 10 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| minutes | Macmillan New <br> Primary English 2 |

## Introduction

## Group task

Ask the pupils to look at the story 'Ali and Chidi' in Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 51 and read it in their groups.

Give each group a flash card relating to the story.

Read these questions and ask the group with the correct answer to hold up their card for everyone to see:
'Who is Chidi's friend?' 'Who has a stall at the market?'
What colour shirts are Ali and Chidi wearing?'
'What are the boys doing?'
$25 \quad$ Story
minutes

## Main activity

## Whole class teaching

Ask pupils if they know what a tortoise is.

Read the story 'The greedy tortoise Part 1'.

Write the following sentences on the chalkboard:
'I am hungry.'
'Tortoise went to his friend Koko's house.'
'This stew smells very good.'
'His head was very sore.'
Read the sentences and
talk to the pupils about
their meaning (in your local
language if necessary).

10
minutes
Story

Plenary

Whole class teaching
Read the story 'The greedy
tortoise Part 1' again and when you come to one of the sentences on the chalkboard, ask the pupils who have written that sentence to hold it up for the class to see

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Ali and Chidi
Day 5

Lesson
The greedy tortoise



| Letters/sounds |  | Words/phrases | Assessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'Revision words' go to do was they all never always | 'ng' sing ring king bring rang sang hang long song | noun <br> bottle <br> lizard <br> lorry <br> plate <br> clock <br> pineapple | During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea. |

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## Week 8

Nouns
Day 1

Lesson

## Nouns

| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ | 25 Macmillan New <br> minutes <br> Primary English 2  |  | 10 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Group work |  | Whole class teaching |  |
| Remind the pupils that in the previous week they learned the words 'some', 'all' and 'none'. | Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 25 and discuss what they can see. | Put a circle around the nouns on the chalkboard to help pupils understand. | Tell the class to look at Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 25. |  |
| Ask individual pupils to tell you sentences which show the meaning of each of these words. | Ask each group to tell you what they can see in the picture. | Ask the pupils to look round the class and tell you any objects they can see. | Ask the pupils to look at the objects in boxes G-L and tell you what they are made of. |  |
|  | Write down the words on the chalkboard as the pupils say them. | Help them to write down the names of the objects in their exercise book and ask them to draw a picture of each one. |  |  |
|  | Tell the pupils that objects and names of people and places are called houns. |  |  |  |

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## Week 8

Nouns
Day 2

## Nouns



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## Week 8

Nouns
Day 3

Lesson

## Nouns

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | 10 minutes | Song |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |  |
| Group task | Group task | Whole class teaching |  |
| Ask each group to discuss and say a noun they can see in the class- | Write each word on the chalkboard as the pupils say them. | Ask one or two pupils to read out their sentences to the class. |  |
| room. Remind them that a noun is an object or a name of a person or place. | Read the sentences on the chalkboard and ask individual pupils to underline the nouns as you say them. | Sing a song that the pupils enjoy. |  |
|  | Ask each pupil to look at the list of words on the chalkboard and try to write a sentence which includes one of those words. |  |  |
|  | Move around the class and read the sentences with individual pupils as they write them. |  |  |

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## Week 8

Nouns
Day 4

## Ada and her social science class

| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| By the end of the lesson, most <br> pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching <br> Spell words containing 'ng'. | Flash the revision word <br> cards quickly. |
| Identify nouns in a story. |  | Write 'ng' on the chalkboard and <br> ask the pupils to make the sound. |
| Write simple sentences in English. |  | Ask pairs to find an 'ng' word <br> card and hold it up. |
| Teaching aids | Tell them to read their words <br> to the class and praise their efforts. |  |


| 10 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 | 25 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 |  | 10 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introd | ction | Main activity |  |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching |  | Whole class teaching |  | Pair task <br> Ask the pairs to draw a picture of Ada. | Whole class teaching |  |
| Read her so in Mac English | he story 'Ada and cial science class' millan New Primary 2, page 60. | Ask the pupils to look at the story and find where it says the things about Ali that have been written on the chalkboard. |  |  | Read the story again, asking pupils to listen carefully. |  |
| Read pupils with th | again and ask the to follow the words eir fingers. | Remind them that a noun is an object or the name of a place or person. |  | While they are doing this, move around the class and listen to pairs reading the story. |  |  |
| Ask th somet Ada fro | pupils to tell you ing they know about m the story. | Ask them to find some nouns in the story and write them in their exercise books. |  |  |  |  |
| Write their ideas on the chalkboard. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Choos to read the res | some pupils their nouns to of the class. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ask th they a | class to say if e correct. |  |  |  |

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Week 8
Nouns
Day 5

## Ada and her social science class

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Read and understand sentences containing 'ng' words.

Hear given words in a story.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Have the ' $n g$ ' words ready on flash cards.

Write these sentences on
the chalkboard:
'The bird can sing.'
'The king was sad.'
Read Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 60.

Make flash cards containing nouns from 'Ada and her social science class' - one for each pupil.

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Gather the pupils around you.
Write 'ng' on the chalkboard and say the sound with the pupils.

Put the 'ng' word flash cards on the floor so the pupils can see the words, say a word and ask a pupil to find it.

Repeat until they have all had a turn.

Let some pupils say a word for the others to find.
Read the sentences with the pupils and ask questions about them: 'Who was sad?' 'Who can sing?'

Ask the pupils to copy the sentences in their exercise books and draw pictures to explain the meaning.




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## Learning outcomes

y the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Read words with the sounds 'sh' and 'ch'.

Read numbers one to twenty.


Before the lesson:
Make flash cards with 'ng', 'ch' and 'sh' words and pictures.

Read the instructions for the 'What is in the box?' game.
Write the number words one to twenty on the chalkboard.

Read the instructions for the 'Number game 1' (opposite).
Make sets of flash cards for each group, with the words for the numbers one to twenty.

Lesson

15
minutes

## Numbers

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Write 'ng' on the chalkboard.
Flash and say the 'ng' words with the pupils.

Remind them that the two letters ' $n$ ' and ' $g$ ' together make one sound.

Ask the class to give you other sounds that have two letters.
Write 'sh' and 'ch' on the chalkboard.

Flash the 'sh' and 'ch' cards and say the words with the class.

Put all the pictures in a box and play 'What is in the box?'

| 10 <br> minutes$\|$ Game |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  | Main activity |  |
| Whole class teaching |  | Group task |  |
| Take the pupils outside and play 'Number game 1' with them. | Return to the classroom and read the number words one to ten with the pupils. | Read the number words one to twenty and tell the pupils to join in as you say them. | Each group should come to the chalkboard and point to the number word for their score. |
| Shout out a number, eg: 'three'. | Say a number from one to ten and choose | Give each group a set of the number word cards. | Tell the pupils to write the number words eleven to twenty in their exercise books and write the number by each one. |
| The pupils have to stand in groups of that number. Any pupils not in a group are out. | pupils to come and point to the matching word. | the number word cards. <br> Call out a number and ask pupils to hold up the matching number word. |  |
| Tell the pupils to run around again and you shout a different number, eg: two, four or five and tell them to stand in groups of that number. <br> Continue until most of the pupils are out. |  | The first group to hold up the word gets a point. <br> Continue until you have said each number twice. <br> Tell the groups to add up their points. |  |

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Lesson

## Numbers



Have ready the 'ng', 'ch' and 'sh' words and pictures on flash cards.
Draw pictures for the 'th' words and write them on the chalkboard.
Make a set of flash cards with the numbers 1-20 and another set with the words one to twenty.
Write this week's words on the chalkboard.

## Before the lesson:

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Flash the 'ng', 'sh' and 'ch' word cards to the class.

Remind them that two letters make one sound in these words.

Write 'th' on the chalkboard.
Flash the 'th' words and explain their meaning to the pupils.

Say the words with the pupils.
Put all the 'ng', 'sh', 'ch' and 'th' pictures in the box.

Play 'What is in the box?'
Ask pupils to write one of the 'th words and draw a picture to explain it in their exercise books.

## Introduction

Whole class teaching
Give each pupil a flash card with a number or number word on. If there are not enough cards for everyone, tell pupils to share a card.

Tell pupils to find the person with the matching card, eg: ' 3 ' with 'three'.
When they have found their partners, ask them to say the number and hold up the word card.

## Main activity

Whole class teaching
Read the number words to the class. Show them how to write 'twenty one'.

Ask someone to come and write 'twenty two'.

Repeat, until they reach thirty.

## Pair task

Ask the pairs to write the number words from thirty one to fifty in their exercise books.
Choose some of them to write their answers on the chalkboard.
Ask if someone can write
63, 88, 97 and 100 in words on the chalkboard.

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

Write 'How many' on
the chalkboard and explain
what it means.
Ask: 'How many pupils are there in our class?'

Tell the pupils to count and you write the answer on the chalkboard.

## Repeat with:

'How many girls are there?' 'How many boys are there?'

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How many?


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How many?

## Lesson



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Numbers
Day 5

## Number sentences

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Spell words containing the sounds 'ng', 'sh', 'ch', 'th' and 'wh'.

Write sentences using number words.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready a set of sound cards
from Day 4 for each pair.
Have ready a set of alphabet cards for each pair.
Have the pictures and cards for the sounds learned this week.
Make flash cards for this week's words.

Have ready a large hundred square.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Say the sounds learned this week.
Play 'What is in the box?' with all the words.

Ask each pair to make these words with their letter cards: 'sing', 'ship', 'chop', 'bath', 'whip'.

Ask the class if they can make some other words with 'ng', 'sh', 'ch', 'th' and 'wh'.

Read these sentences slowly and tell the pupils to write them in their exercise books:
'The king is on the ship.'
'He hit the chick with a whip.'

| 10 Game <br> minutes  | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class task | Whole class teaching | Pair task | Individual task |
| $\overline{\text { Play 'Pass the card'. }}$ | Flash the word cards and ask the class to read them with you. | Ask the pairs to think of sentences about the classroom that contain numbers, eg: ‘There are eight desks in the classroom'. | Tell the pupils to write some sentences in their exercise books with number words in them. |
| Arrange the pupils in a circle and give alternate |  |  |  |
| pupils a word flash card. | Shuffle the cards and ask the class to read them again. |  |  |
| Ask them to pass it to the pupil on their left. |  |  |  |
| Continue to pass the cards round until you call out 'stop'. | Call out a number from the hundred square and ask a pupil to come out and touch the number. Repeat this several times. | Ask them to say their sentences to the rest of the class. |  |
| Ask each pupil with a card to read the word |  |  |  |
| on it. | Hold the hundred square and call on any pupil to read in tens, ie: 50,60 , 70, 80, etc. |  |  |
|  | Having done that, choose pupils to write the words for the numbers on the chalkboard. |  |  |


'Revision words' red
chin
chip
ship
shell
shop shed
thick
thin
moth
path
bath
wheel
whip
blue yellow green brown black white pink chicken

During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to see if the pupils clearly understand what you have taught them. If not, help them to understand by explaining the idea to them again, or asking other pupils to help them. You may need to use some different examples of the idea.

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## Identify nouns



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## Colours



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Numbers
Day 3

## Describing

 people, places and objects| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |
| :---: | :---: |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |
|  | Flash the revision word cards |
| Answer questions with 'yes' or 'no'. | to the clas |
|  | Read the questions with them. |
| Write a sentence about a picture. | Sound out the words carefully. |
| Teaching aids | Ask pairs to hold up 'yes' or 'no' for each question. |
|  | Point to the picture. |
| Before the lesson: | Ask the class to say sentenc |
| Write the following 'yes or no' | about it. |
| 'Can a hen peck?' | Write some of the sentences |
| 'Can a taxi hop?' | on the chalkboard. |
| 'Can a duck quack?' | Sound out some of the words |
| Have the 'yes' and 'no' cards ready for each pair. | to help with the spelling, eg: 's-e-ll’ (3 sounds). |
| Practise singing 'Rainbow'. | Ask the pupils to try to write their own sentences in their |
| On the chalkboard draw a picture of a girl selling yams. | exercise books. |


| $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l\|l} 10 & \text { Song } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}\right.$ | 25 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task |  | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Sing the 'Rainbow' song. | Tell the groups to look at the picture in Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 84. |  | Read the sentences on the chalkboard with the pupils. | Ask each pair to read their sentence to the class. |
| Ask the pupils to say what they know about |  |  |  |  |
| their friends, such as their name, age, complexion, height, etc. | Ask each group to say some sentences about one of the following characters: Musa Musa's father The fishermen. |  | Rub the sentences out. <br> Ask the pupils to write one sentence about Musa, Musa's father and the fishermen. |  |
| As pupils say their ideas, write them in sentences on the chalkboard, eg: |  |  |  |  |
| 'His name is Edet. He is six years of age'. | Write on the | hat the pupils say chalkboard. |  |  |
|  | Help th as po | em as much sible. |  |  |

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Numbers
Day 4

## Numbers

 and colours| $\begin{array}{l\|l} 10 & \text { Song } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ | 25 minutes | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} 10 \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |
| Whole class task | Group activity | Individual task |
| Point to numbers on the hundred square and ask pupils to say the names of the numbers. | Ask each group to choose two nouns they can see in the classroom. | Ask the pupils to write some sentences about their class. |
| Choose some pupils to come and write some of the number words on the chalkboard. | Tell them to say sentences about the nouns using a number or colour word, eg: ‘There are fifteen girls in the class', 'The desks are brown', 'The teacher has a red gown'. | sentences to the whole class. |
| Point to the numbers on the chalkboard and tell the class to write the words for these numbers in their exercise books. |  |  |
|  | Tell each group to say their sentences to the rest of the class and write |  |
| Sing the 'Rainbow' song. | them on the chalkboard. |  |

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Week 10
Numbers
Day 5

Writing sentences


Answer questions with 'yes' or 'no'.
Write a sentence about a picture.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write 'yes' or 'no' questions from Days 1, 2 and 3 on the chalkboard.
Have the 'yes' and 'no' cards ready for each pair.

Draw a picture of pupils in school on the chalkboard. Draw some pupils playing outside and some sitting inside reading books. Draw a teacher writing on the chalkboard.
Read Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 93.

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## Whole class teaching

Flash the revision word cards to the class.
Read the questions with them.
Sound out the words carefully.
Ask pairs to hold up 'yes' or 'no' for each question.
Point to the picture and ask the pupils what is happening.
Write the word 'school' on the chalkboard.

Ask:
'What are the pupils doing outside?' 'What is the teacher doing?' 'What are the pupils doing inside?'
In pairs, ask the pupils to write some sentences about the picture.

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | Macmillan New Primary English 2 |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  |  | Plenary |
| Group task | Whole class teaching <br> Tell the pupils to look at Macmillan New Primary English 2, page 93. |  | Pair task <br> Ask the pairs to say some of the nouns they can see in the pictures in the textbook. | Whole class task |
| Write 'fifty one' on the chalkboard. |  |  | Choose some pupils to read their sentences |
| Give each group a large piece of paper and ask them to write 'fifty one' at the top. | Read the story to the class. <br> Ask them to say one sentence about Chika and Debe. |  |  | can see in the pictures in the textbook. <br> $\overline{\text { Tell them to say the colour }}$ of some of the nouns. | to the class. |
| Tell them they have 10 minutes to write the names of the numbers that come after fifty one. They must be in the correct order. |  |  | Ask them to write some sentences about the picture in their exercise books, using colour words. |  |
| The group with the highest number written is the winner. |  |  |  |  |
| Tell each group to hold up their paper and ask the others to check the spelling carefully. |  |  |  |  |

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