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## Term 2

Creating
opportunities for
classroom talk

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


## Introduction

Good teaching can help learners achieve positive outcomes, even in difficult circumstances. But learners have little chance of making progress where the teaching is poor.
Throughout 2010 in Kaduna State, the Ministry of Education carried out baseline surveys to assess classroom teachers, headteachers and pupil learning outcomes. Sadly, the findings were alarmingly poor. It was clear that despite substantial inputs into education, the majority of teachers were themselves victims of an education system that was in a serious downward spiral.

Following this research, the State Ministry of Education, the State Universal Basic Education Board and local government education quthorities, supported by the Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria (ESSPIN), embarked on a series of reforms to strengthen schools.
To improve the teaching of basic literacy and numeracy in primary schools, Kaduna is introducing a carefully designed series of literacy and numeracy lesson plans for primary 1-3 teachers. These provide a step-bystep guide to teachers, while ensuring that teaching and learning become more exciting and children become active learners.

Alongside the lesson plans,
structures and processes have been put in place so that teachers are continuously supported by the State School Improvement Team and specially-trained school support officers.
I am confident that these lesson plans will raise standards in our schools. I commend all those who have worked hard to produce these plans and train our teachers to use them, and I offer thanks to the UK Department for International Development (DFID) for its ongoing support for education reform in Kaduna State through its ESSPIN programme.

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Honourable Commissioner of Education Kaduna State

## Introduction <br> Creating opportunities for classroom talk

## Weeks

16-20

## Classroom talk

In any classroom, the pupils should do most of the talking, not the teacher. If pupils have the chance to talk they will quickly improve their language skills.
They should experience lots of different types of talk, in pairs, small groups, and within the whole class, eg:

Having conversations between themselves and with adults in the school.

Asking questions of each other and of the adults in the school.
Answering questions.
Telling stories.
Taking part in role play.
Expressing opinions.
Explaining how to do something.
Giving instructions.
Solving problems.
Sharing ideas.
Retelling experiences.
Singing songs.
Saying rhymes.
These are all included in the literacy lesson plans.

Here are some ideas to help you encourage all pupils to join in classroom talk:

Ask questions which have lots of different answers and can be answered by individuals, not the whole class at the same time.

When you ask a question, count to 15 in your head before you choose someone to answer. This gives all pupils the chance to think of something to say, not just the 'quick thinkers'.

When you ask a question, give the pupils 2 or 3 minutes to discuss the answer with a partner before putting their hands up.
When you ask a question, give the pupils 2 or 3 minutes to write the answer in their exercise books and then ask random pupils. This makes all pupils try to think of the answer.

Sit the pupils in a circle and ask them a question which has lots of different answers. Go around the circle and ask every pupil to answer.

## Introduction Songs and stories for the term

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## In the classroom

Ayo and Bola are best friends. They are in the same class at school and always sit at the same table.

One day, the teacher wrote some sentences on the chalkboard and asked Ayo to come out and read the sentences carefully. Ayo could not read some of the words. The teacher asked if any of the other children could help Ayo read the words.

Bola put her hand high in the air so that the teacher would choose her to help her friend. The teacher saw her and said, 'Bola, can you help Ayo please?' Bola came out to the front of the class and helped her friend read the words.
The teacher said, 'Well done', to both of them and they sat on their chairs feeling very happy.

## Ebun, the funny elephant

Inside the forest there lived a group of elephants. All the elephants were large and grey with long trunks. All except for Ebun, who was small and yellow.
Every day, Ebun played with all the other animals, who lived under the trees. He laughed at the lion, smiled at the snake, ran with the rat and danced with the dog. They loved him, and when the sun rose in the morning, they woke up ready to play. One day however the sun rose, but there was no Ebun. The animals were sad. The cat cried, the spider shouted and the monkey jumped up and down between the trees. 'Where is Ebun?', they yelled.

The animals went to look for him. They looked under the leaves, over the trees, between the grass and behind the flowers, but they couldn't find him. The lion cried 'Let's go home', so the monkey, the snake, the dog, the spider, the cat, the rat and the lion went back to their homes under the trees.

Suddenly they heard a noise - 'boo!' and Ebun jumped out from behind a tree to surprise them. 'Hurray', the animals cheered, 'here he is', and they all laughed at the funny joke.

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The alphabet song

| ABCDEFG / |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| HIJKLMNOP / | Here we go round the |  |
| QRS, TUV / | tree, the cashew tree / |  |
| WXY and Z / | Here we go round the |  |
| Happy, happy I can be / | cashew tree, on a hot |  |
| and sunny morning / |  |  |

Every day I say my prayers, say my prayers, say my prayers / Every day I say my prayers, on a hot and windy morning /

Every day I sweep the floor, sweep the floor, sweep the floor / Every day I sweep the floor, on a wet and rainy morning /
Here we go round the cashew tree

Here we go round the cashew tree, the cashew ee, the cashew tree / Here we go round the cashew tree, on a hot and sunny morning /

## The clapping rhyme

(Pupils stand in a circle and do the actions) Clap in, clap out /
Clap up, clap down /
Clap over, clap under / Clap all around.

## Under the table

On the table, put your
hand on the table /
Under the table, put your
ball under the table / Inside the pot, put your food inside the pot / Inside the class, put your bag inside the class.

## Work!

All work and no play /
Makes Jack a dull boy /
Work, work, work /
Walk, walk /
Walk to the well /
Fetch the water /
Wash your hair.

If you're happy and you know it

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands, (clap clap) / If you're happy and you know it clap your hands, (clap clap) / If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands. (clap clap)

If you're happy and you know it stamp your feet, (stamp stamp) / If you're happy and you know it stamp your feet, (stamp stamp) / If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it stamp your feet. (stamp stamp)

My head, my shoulders

My head, my shoulders, my knees, my toes / (sing three times, pointing to the part of the body mentioned as you sing)

All belong to God. (raise hands up in the air)

## Week <br> 16

In the classroom

| Letters/sounds | Words/phrases | CVCs | Assessment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |
| 'z' | write | A consonant vowel | During the lesson, walk |
| zip | sweep | consonant (CVC) word | round the classroom <br> zoo <br> zebra |
| zinc | pray | is made up of three | and ask questions to |
| zoom | walk | sounds. A consonant | see if the pupils clearly |
| zero | talk | sound can be one or | understand what you |
| zigzag | read | more letter, eg: 'sh' has | have taught them. If not, |

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Week 16
In the classroom
Day 1

## What is <br> happening?



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Say the sound for the letter ' $z$ '.
Answer simple questions about a picture.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Write the letter ' $z$ ' on the chalkboard.
Have ready the set of flash cards for all previous letters.

Write the key words on the chalkboard.

Read Learn English 1, pages 85-87.

Letters and sounds

## Whole glass teaching

Quickly flash the cards of previous letters and ask the pupils to say each sound.

Say the sound that ' $z$ ' makes, as in 'zip'.

Ask the pupils to practise saying this sound to a partner.

Show pupils how to form the letter 'z' in the air and ask them to copy.
Sound out the CVC letter by letter so that the pupils can hear the sounds, eg: 'l-o-g' = log.
Ask pupils to say each sound as you write 'log' on the chalkboard.

Say 'l-o-g', emphasising each sound, and ask pupils to write it.


## Whole class teaching

Read out the key words twice and ask the pupils to read them after you.

Explain the meaning of each in your local language.

## Main activity

Whole class teaching
Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, pages 85-87.

## Pair task

Tell pupils to talk about what they can see in the picture.

Ask a pupil from each pair to say one thing that is happening in the picture.

Ask a follow-up question about what they have said, eg: If they said, 'I can see a boy standing' ask them 'What is the colour of his shirt?'

## Whole class teaching

Show the pictures to other pupils to see if they can guess the word.

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title

## The pencll is under the table

## Learning outcomes <br> By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: <br> Recognise words containing ' $z$ '.

Make sentences using prepositions.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready the set of flash cards for all previous letters.
Write the key words on the chalkboard, and write several words using ' $z$ ' among them.
Make a set of flash cards for each group which make the sentence: 'The pencil is under the table'.
Read Learn English 1, page 85.
Prepare sand trays.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Quickly show the flash cards of previous letters, including ' $z$ '.

Ask the pupils to say each sound.
Ask pupils to form the letter ' $z$
in the air, on the desk and in the sand trays with a finger.

Read out the words on the chalkboard.
Ask pupils to 'stand up' if the word has the sound 'z' in it and 'sit down' if it doesn't.
Sound out today's CVC word, for the pupils: ' $\mathrm{d}-0-\mathrm{g}$ ' = dog.
Ask pupils to say each sound as you write 'dog' on the chalkboard.
Say the CVCs, emphasising each sound, and ask pupils to write them.


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Week 16
In the classroom
Day 3

Lesson
title

Under the table

## Learning outcomes

 15 minutesBy the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Say a simple rhyme that illustrates the letter ' z '.

Read key words.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Have ready the set of sound flash cards for all previous letters.

Write the words containing the letter ' $z$ ' on the chalkboard.

Read Learn English 1, pages 85-87.

Write key words on the chalkboard.
Prepare sand trays.

## Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Quickly show the flash cards of previous letters.

Ask the pupils to say each sound out loud.
Read out the words containing the letter sound 'z' to the pupils. Sound out today's CVC, 'c=a-t' = 'cat'. Ask pupils to sound it out as you write it on the chalkboard.

Ask the pupils to read it with you and identify other previously taught letter sounds in the rhyme.

Ask them to underline any letters they recognise in pencil.

| 10 <br> minutes$\quad$ Learn English 1 | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching |  | Individual task |
| Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, page 85-87. | Write the key words on the chalkboard. <br> Read the key words to the pupils, emphasising any known letter sounds. Ask them to read after you. | Give instructions to the pupils and ask them to obey, making it as much fun as possible, eg: <br> 'Read a book' <br> 'Come to the chalkboard' <br> 'Put the pencil on the table' <br> 'Sit down' <br> 'Stand up', etc. | Ask pupils at random to give an instruction to another pupil to obey. |
| Ask them to say something about any of the pictures, in their local language. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ask the pupils to write simple words in a sand tray, eg: <br> 'sit' <br> 'read' <br> 'talk' |  |

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## The dog is on the log



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Say a simple rhyme in English.
Write and read simple sentences.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready the set of flash cards for all previous letters.
Write the letter ' $z$ ' on the chalkboard.
Write the words containing
the letter ' $z$ ' on the chalkboard.
Have ready a set of pictures
which illustrate people doing
different actions.

15
minutes

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Quickly show the flash cards of previous letters.

Ask the pupils to say each sound.
Read out the words with the sound ' $z$ ' in them to the pupils.

Say the simple rhyme 'Pussy Cats' from Learn English 1, page 33.

Sound out today's CVC: 'g-e-t' = get. Say the word. Ask pupils to say each sound as you write the word on the chalkboard.
Say the CVCs and ask the class to write them down.

Dictate the simple sentence to
the pupils to write in their books:
'The dog is on the log'.

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Individual task | Pair task |
| Whisper an instruction to a pupil. | Give each group a set of pictures which show people carrying out simple actions. | Tell the pupils to choose one of the sentences about the pictures and write it in their exercise book. | Ask the pupils to read their sentence to a partner. |
| Ask the pupil to obey your instruction. |  |  |  |
| Ask another pupil to say what action the pupil | Ask pupils to talk about the pictures in their local language. |  |  |
| is doing. | Ask the pupils to say a simple sentence in English about something that is happening in their picture. |  |  |
| Repeat until about five pupils have had a turn. |  |  |  |
|  | Write the sentence on the chalkboard as they say it, and ask the pupils to read it after you. |  |  |
|  | Leave these sentences on the chalkboard as you will need them on Day 5. |  |  |

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Week 16
In the classroom Day 5

## Listen to a

 simple story

Sequence words to form a sentence.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready the set of flash cards for all previous letters.
Write words that have the sound ' $z$ ' in them on the chalkboard.

Make flash cards of the sentences the pupils created yesterday. Write one word on each card.

Read the story 'In the classroom'.

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Quickly show the flash cards of previous letters.
Ask the pupils to say each sound.
Ask pupils to touch the sound ' $z$ ' in the words on the chalkboard.

Sound out today's CVC: 'g-o-t'. Say the whole word, 'got'.

Ask the pupils to say out loud each sound as you write 'got' on the chalkboard.

Repeat with other CVCs.
Dictate the simple sentences below to the pupils to write in their books:
'The dog has got the log.'
'The log is on the dog.'
'Get on the log.'
'Get on the dog.'

| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ | 25 minutes | Story | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Story |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Group task | Group task | Whole class teaching | Wh | lass teaching |
| Whisper an instruction to a pupil. | Remind the pupils of the pictures and sentences they wrote on the previous day. | Read the pupils the simple story 'In the classroom' from the introduction section. | Ask the pupils to role play the story while you read it. |  |
| Tell the pupil to obey your instruction. | Give each group a set of sentence flash cards. | Ask the pupils questions about the story, eg: |  |  |
| Ask another pupil to say what action the pupil is doing. | Ask pupils in their groups to arrange the words to form the sentence. | 'Who are the people in the story?' |  |  |
| Repeat until about five pupils have had a turn. | the sentence. <br> Ask each group to read their sentence to the rest of the class. | 'What did the teacher ask Ayo to do?' <br> 'What did Bola do?' |  |  |


| Letters/sounds | Words/phrases | CVCs | Assessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 'w' <br> walk <br> wall <br> wide <br> well <br> white <br> will | over <br> under <br> near behind in beside on between inside outside far in front of | A consonant vowel consonant (CVC) word is made up of three sounds. A consonant sound can be one or more letter, eg: 'sh' has two consonants, but is one sound. A vowel sound can also be more than one letter, eg: 'oa'. <br> Introduce one new word per day and revise words previously learned. <br> bed <br> bad <br> jug <br> bit <br> bet | 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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Position of objects Day 1

## Position of objects



Write the letter 'w' on the chalkboard.

Make flash cards containing the prepositions 'under', 'behind', 'in front of', 'inside', 'between', 'outside'.

Collect a ruler, pen, ball, pencil and duster.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Tell the pupils that the letter ' $w$ ' makes the sound ' $w$ ', as in wall.
Quickly show the flash cards of previous letters.
Ask the pupils to say each sound.
Introduce the new CVC by sounding it out: 'b-e-d.'

Ask the pupils to tell you the word.
Tell them to form the letter ' $w$ ' in the air, then on the desk with a finger.


Jumble up a sentence with CVC words in it and write it on the chalkboard, eg:
'The cat sat on a red mat'.
Ask pupils to sequence the sentence correctly and write it in their books.

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Week 17
Position of objects Day 2

## The cat is under the table

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Read words starting with ' $w$ '.
Write simple sentences containing CVC words.

Answer questions using the word 'where'.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write ' $w$ ' on the chalkboard.
Have ready flash cards of words containing the letter ' $w$ '.

Collect a bucket, ball, duster, cup, pen and pencil.
Read Learn English 1, Activity 2, pages 87 - 88 .

## Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Quickly show the pupils the filash cards with the words starting with ' $w$ ', and help them to read the words out loud.
Introduce the new CVC by sounding it out, 'b-a-d'.

Ask the pupils if they can tell you the word.

Write the word on the chalkboard, with the initial sound missing, and ask pupils to say the missing sound. Repeat but miss out the vowel, and then the last sound.
Rub the word off chalkboard, say it and ask pupils to write it in their books.

Say different CVCs and ask pupils to sound them out, then write them in their books.

| 10 minutes | 25 Learn English 1 |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Individual task | Pair task |
| Give pupils different objects and ask them to place them somewhere in the classroom. | Ask the pupils to open Learn English 1, pages 87-88 and read the sentences to them. | Dictate the following sentences for the pupils to write in their exercise books: | Ask the pupils to share their pictures with a partner and read the sentences to each other. |
| Ask the pupils: |  | 'A bug sat in a red bag.' |  |
| 'Where is your pencil?' <br> 'Where is your duster?', etc. |  | 'A rat and a cat ran on a bed.' |  |
| Encourage them to use the prepositions they learned on Day 1 in their answer. |  | Sound out the words slowly and clearly. |  |
|  |  | If there is time, ask them to draw a funny picture to go with one sentence. |  |

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## Week 17

Position of objects Day 3

## The chair is under the table

 pupils will be able to:
Read words containing the sound 'w' and demonstrate their meaning.

Read simple words describing position.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Have ready the flash cards containing the letter ' $w$ ' and 'over', 'under', 'near', 'behind'.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Write the letter 'w' on the chalkboard.
Ask the pupils to come and stand in a circle and put the flash cards of words beginning with 'w' face down in the middle.

Ask one pupil to choose a card, read it silently and do an action which shows its meaning.

Ask the other pupils to guess what the word is.
Introduce a new CVC by sounding it out, 'j-u-g', and ask the pupils to tell you the word.
Write the word on the chalkboard, with the first sound missing, ask pupils to say the missing sound.
Rub the word off the chalkboard, say the word and ask pupils to write it in their books.

| 10 minutes | Rhyme | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching |  | Pair task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Say 'The clapping rhyme' and ask pupils to join in with the words and actions to teach the position of objects. |  | Give each pair a position card, eg: ‘under'. | Write each sentence on the chalkboard and ask pupils to come out and underline the word on their flash card. | Flash the cards and ask the pupils to place their pencils somewhere that would match the word |
| Ask the some the pos | pupils to tell you words that describe sition of objects. | Ask the paired pupils to tell each other a sentence using their word and the position of different objects in the classroom, eg: | Ask them to draw a picture which illustrates their sentence, choose the correct sentence from the chalkboard and copy it underneath their picture. | on the card, eg: for 'under', the pupils put their pencils under another object in |
|  |  | 'The chair is under the table.' |  | the classroom. |
|  |  | 'The chalk is on the chalkboard.' |  |  |
|  |  | 'The book is inside the table.' |  |  |
|  |  | Repeat by swapping the cards several times among the pairs. |  |  |
|  |  | Ask each pair to say one of their sentences to the class. |  |  |

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Position of objects Day 4

## The cow is on the chair



Read sentences that describe
the position of objects in
the classroom.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write the rhyme 'Work!' on the chalkboard.

Write the following funny
sentences on the chalkboard that
show the position of objects:
'The pencil is under the dog.'
'The chair is on the cow.'
'The elephant jumps over the duster.'

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Read the rhyme 'Work!' and encourage the pupils to join in with you.

Ask pupils to come to the chalkboard and underline the letter 'w' in the rhyme.
Introduce a new CVC by sounding it out, 'b-i-t', and ask the pupils to tell you the word.
Say previously learned CVCs and ask pupils to sound them out, then write them in their books.


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Week 17
Position of objects
Day 5

## On the chair



## Before the lesson:

Write the words 'weak', 'will' 'well', 'wall', 'ball', 'bed', 'feet' on the chalkboard.

Prepare flash cards with the words to make the following sentences:
'The ball is under the table.'
'A book is on the chair.'
'A pencil is beside the chalkboard.'
'The chair is between the tables.'
'The book is inside the table.'

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Write the letter 'w' on the chalkboard.

Ask the pupils to form the letter several times in the air.

Ask pupils to say the sound the letter ' $w$ ' makes.

Read out the words on the chalkboard and ask pupils to put their hand up if the word contains the sound ' $w$ '.

Introduce a new CVC by sounding it out, 'b-e-t', and ask the pupils to tell you the word.
Write the word on the chalkboard, with the first sound missing, and ask pupils to say the missing sound.

Rub the word off the chalkboard, say the word and ask pupils to write it in their books.

| 10 minutes | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | 10 minutes | Rhyme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Group task | Whole class teaching |  |
| Put the class into two teams and ask each team to tell you words that describe position. | Write some sentences on the chalkboard that show the position of objects. | Give each group a set of flash cards. | Say 'The clapping rhyme’ together and do the actions. |  |
|  |  | Ask them to rearrange the words to make sentences. |  |  |
| Write the words on the chalkboard as each team says them. | Ask the pupils to read the sentences. | Instruct them to read the sentences to each other. |  |  |
| The winning team will be the one that can think of the most words. | Ask them to point out the words from each sentence that show the position of objects. | Ask them to turn the 'position' word face down and try to write the word in their exercise book. |  |  |
| Ask them to perform some actions that show they understand the words. |  |  |  |  |


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Animals
Day 1

Lesson


By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Say the sound ' $v$ '.
Say the names of different animals.
Write the names of animals.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Write the letter ' v ' on the chalkboard.
Draw or find pictures of as many different animals as you can.
Read Learn English 1, pages 114-115.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Show the pupils the letter $v$ and tell them it makes the sound ' $v$ ', as in van. Ask them to practise saying the sound with a partner.
Introduce the new CVC, 'lot'.
Write about 10 different letters of the alphabet on the chalkboard.

Ask pupils to say each sound as you point to it.

In pairs, ask pupils to see if they can make any CVC words using the letters on the chalkboard.

Ask some pairs to share their words with the rest of the class.


Ask the pupils to talk to each other about the animals they can see in the pictures.
Ask a pupil from each group to say the name of one of the animals.

Write their responses on the chalkboard.

## Main activity

Whole class teaching
Read out the names of the animals you have written and ask the pupils to read them after you.
Show the pictures of the different animals and ask the pupils if they can say their names.

## Pair task

Ask the pupils to tell each other what they know about the animals in the pictures (they can use their local language).

Ask a pupil from each pair to name and describe an animal from the pictures on the chalkboard (in English).

Ask them to draw a picture of an animal of their choice and write the name of the animal underneath.

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Animals
Day 2

## Names of animals



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Identify and sequence initial sounds.
Identify and name animals.
Read a simple rhyme in English.


Before the lesson:
Write the words containing the sound ' $v$ ' on the chalkboard.
Make a set of animal name flash cards for each group.
Have ready pictures of different animals.

Write the names of the animals on the chalkboard.
Read Learn English 1, page 116.

## Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Read the words and ask the pupils to read after you, emphasising the ' $v$ ' sound.

Ask the pupils to look at the chalkboard and identify whether the sound ' $v$ ' comes at the start, middle or end of each word.
Introduce the new CVC word: 'cot’.
Write about 10 different letters of the alphabet on the chalkboard.
Ask the pupils to say each sound as you point to it.

Ask the pupils, in pairs, to
write CVC words using the letters on the chalkboard.

## Introduction

## Main activity

Whole class teaching

Display the pictures of different animals where everyone can see them.

Ask one pupil to point to a picture and another pupil to point at the correct name

Whole class teaching
Ask pupils to sing 'The alphabet song'. Show a flash card with the name of an animal on it.

Ask the pupils to say the sound at the beginning and the end of the animal's name.

Group task
Give each group a set of cards showing the names of different animals.

Ask the pupils to arrange them in alphabetical order using the first letter of each animal's name, eg:
b = bird
$c=c a t$
$d=\mathrm{dog}$
Discuss the order they
have chosen and correct it
if necessary.

Whole class teaching
Tell the pupils to open Learn English 1, page 116 and read the rhyme 'Eah, Eah, Oh'.

Ask them to follow the rhyme in their books as you read it.

Ask them to read the rhyme together

Pair task
Ask the pupils to read the rhyme to each other.

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## Learning outcomes <br> By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Say the sound that the letter ' $y^{\prime}$ makes in a word.

Read and write the names of different animals.

Answer simple questions about a story.

Write simple sentences in English.


## Before the lesson:

Write the words 'yellow', 'yam' and 'yes' on the chalkboard.

Collect animal name flash cards for each group including all of the animals from 'Ebun, the funny elephant'.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Say the sound the letter ' $y$ ' makes as in 'yam'.

Ask the pupils the following questions and ask them to point to the correct answer on the chalkboard:
'What is a colour starting with the letter y?' (yellow)
'What is a type of vegetable starting with the letter y?' (yam)
'Are you a boy?' (yes)
'Are you a girl?’ (yes)
Introduce the new CVC, 'rot'.
Write about 10 different letters of the alphabet on the chalkboard.

Ask pupils to say the sound as you point to each letter.

| 10 minutes | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 25 & \text { Story } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Individual task | Whole class teaching | Group task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask the pupils to write the name of the animals on the chalkboard in their exercise books. | Read the story 'Ebun, the funny elephant'. | Give each group a set of flash cards containing the names of animals in the story. | Dictate simple sentences for the pupils to write in their exercise books, using words containing |
| Ask them to draw one of the animals. | Ask the pupils simple questions about the story. | Read the story again and when you come to the name of the animal, ask a pupil to hold up the name of that animal for everyone to see. | the sound ' $y$ ', eg: <br> 'I like yams.' <br> 'Yams are good.' <br> 'Yes, I can hop and run.' |
|  |  | Ask another pupil to point to the picture of the animal mentioned. |  |

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## Animal noises

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | Learn English 1 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Story |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Individual task | Pair task | Whole | clas |
| Show the pictures of animals. | Help the pupils to read the rest of the sentences. | Ask a pupil to point at the picture of an animal in Learn English 1, pages 114-115. | Read the story 'Ebun, the funny elephant' and ask the pupils to make the sounds of the animals when they are mentioned in the story, eg: 'hissss' for the snake. |  |
| Ask the pupils to say simple sentences about each of the pictures. |  |  |  |  |
| Read one of the jumbled up sentences on the chalkboard and ask pupils to say it in the correct order, eg: |  | Ask the other pupil to say a sentence about the animal. |  |  |
| 'dog is this a' becomes |  |  |  |  |
| 'this is a dog' when |  |  |  |  |

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## Ebun, the funny elephant

| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |
| :---: | :---: |
| By the end of the lesson, most | Whole class teaching |
| pils will be | Say the sounds ' $v$ ' and ' $\mathrm{y}^{\prime}$ ' and ask the pupils to practise making the sounds with a partner. |
| Say the sounds ' $v$ ' and ' $y$ '. |  |
| Say words with letter sounds 'v' |  |
| and ' y '. | Read words that contain ' v ' and ' $y$ ' sounds and ask the pupils to read after you. |
| Write simple CVC words. |  |
| Sequence a story. | Introduce the new CVC, 'pot'. |
| Teaching aids | Write about 10 different letters of the alphabet on the chalkboard. |
| Before the lesson: | Ask pupils to say the sound as you point to each letter. |
| Write words containing the letter sounds ' $v$ ' and ' $y$ ' on the chalkboard. | See which pupils can make the most CVCs in 1 minute. |


| $\left.\begin{array}{\|l\|l} 10 \\ \text { minutes } \end{array} \right\rvert\, \text { Learn English 1 }$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l\|l} 25 & \text { Story } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}\right.$ |  |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Individual task | Group task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, pages 114-115. | Read the story 'Ebun, the funny elephant' to the pupils. | Ask the pupils to draw a line down the middle of the page of their exercise books, to divide the page into two sections. | Tell each group to prepare a role play of the story to show to the rest of the class. | Ask each group to show their role play to the rest of the class. |
| Ask the pupils to sit in a circle. |  |  |  |  |
| Go round the circle in turn and ask them to say one thing they know about one of the animals in their local language. |  | Ask them to draw a picture of something that happens at the start of the story on one side of the paper, and a picture of something that happens at the end of the story on the other side of the paper. |  |  |




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## Every day at home



Whole class teaching
Read the key words on the chalkboard and ask the pupils to read after you.

## Main activity

Whole class teaching
Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, page 94.

Pair task
Ask pupils to talk about
what the people in the pictures are doing.

Tell a pupil from each pair to say something about the activities happening in the picture.
Ask the pupils to tell their partners one thing they do every day at home.

Ask them to tell you what
they do every day.
Tell the pupils to write the
letter ' $x$ ' in sand trays.

Individual task
Ask the pupils to write the letter ' $x$ ' in their exercise books.

## Plenary

Whole class teaching
Read out the list of CVC words you prepared earlier and ask pupils to spell them in their exercise books.
Write the correct spellings on the chalkboard and ask pupils to check their spellings.

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## Every day

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| $\|$10 <br> minutes Learn English 1 | 25 <br> minutes |  |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Pair task | Group task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, page 94. | Tell the pupils some of your <br> daily activities, eg:  Ask the pupils to tell their <br> partners about things <br> 'Every day I come to school.' <br> they do every day, using <br> 'Every day I eat.' <br> 'Every day I sleep.' <br> the phrase:   <br> 'Every day I wash.', etc. 'Every day, I _ '.  <br>  Write simple sentences on <br> the chalkboard that describe <br> daily activities.  <br>  Read these sentences <br> to the pupils.  |  | Ask the pupils to read the short sentences on the flash cards. | Tell individuals to act out a daily activity and ask other pupils to |
| Ask them if they can use their local language to tell you as many things as possible that are happening in the pictures. |  |  | Ask pupils to exchange cards within their groups and read them. | guess the action. |

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Daily activities
Day 3

## Sweep, wash, play

| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |
| :---: | :---: |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |
|  | Show the class where you have written 'ai' on the chalkboard. |
| Say the sound 'ai'. |  |
| Build CVCs and simple regular words. | Tell the pupils the letters make the sound 'ai', as in rain. |
| Make simple sentences with the key words. | Ask the pupils to practise saying the sound with a partner. |
| Teaching aids | Write the following words on the chalkboard: <br> ' $\mathrm{r} \quad$ _ n ' (rain) <br> 'p _ _ n' (pain) |
| Before the lesson: | Ask pupils to work out the words and say them aloud. |
| Write 'di' on the chalkboard. |  |
| Write key words on the chalkboard. | Introduce the new CVC, 'but'. |
| Prepare enough sets of flash cards for each pair, with the key words written on them. | Ask one pupil to write the first sound, one the second sound and one the last sound of the word |


| 10 minutes | 25 <br> minutes |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Read out the key words describing daily activities and ask the pupils to read after you. | Ask pupils to suggest sentences using the key words. <br> Write the sentences on the chalkboard and ask individual pupils to help you read them. | Give a set of flash cards and 10 counters to each pair. | Sit on the floor in a circle. <br> Ask each pupil to go into the centre and mime an activity. |
|  |  | Tell each pair to turn the flash cards face down on the table between them. |  |
|  |  | Ask them to guess which word they think might be on the other side of the card before they turn it over. | The pupil in the centre chooses the next person to do the mime. |
|  |  | Ask one member of the pair to turn over the card and read the word. |  |
|  |  | If they get it right they get a counter. |  |
|  |  | Continue the game until one member of the pair has five counters. |  |

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Here we go round the cashew tree

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Write 'ci'.
Read words containing the sound 'ai'.

Write simple sentences.
Read the key words.
Write some CVC words.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write CVC words on the chalkboard.

Make a set of key word flash cards for each group.


Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Write 'al' on the chalkboard.
Say words that contain the sound 'ai' and ask pupils to join in with you.
Introduce the new CVC, 'rug'.
Air write several letters and ask pupils to copy you.

Carefully sound out the 'ai' words and ask pupils to copy you.

Ask pupils to spell each word in their exercise books.

Tell them to underline the 'ai' letters in the words.

| $\begin{array}{l\|l} 10 & \text { Song } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  |  |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching | Group task |  |
| Teach the pupils the song 'Here we go round the cashew tree'. <br> Ask the pupils to sing the song and suggest actions to go with the words. | Ask pupils to read the CVC words on the chalkboard as you point to them quickly, and in random order. | Tell pupils to talk to each other about their daily activities at home and at school. <br> Give each group a set of flash cards with the key words written on them. <br> Ask each group to turn the cards face down on the table and get each member to choose a card. <br> Tell them to read the word on the card and draw a picture in their exercise book which shows them doing the action. | Ask them to write the sentence 'Every day, I $\qquad$ , completing the sentence with the word on their flash card. <br> Ask them to show the picture and read the sentence to the rest of the group. |

## Pair task

Write the following letters on the chalkboard:
i, s, p, n, t, d, o, g, h.
Ask pairs to write down as many CVCs as they can in 2 minutes.

Ask for their results and write them all on the chalkboard.

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Here we go round the cashew tree

|  | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} 15 \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |  |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |  |
| Say the sounds ' $x$ ' and 'ai'. | Say the sounds ' $x$ ' and 'ai'. |  |
| Recognise these sounds in words. | Ask the pupils to say the words on the chalkboard by first sounding them out. |  |
| Write letter sounds ' $x$ ' and 'ai'. |  |  |
| Say simple rhymes. | Introduce the new CVC, 'tug'. |  |
| Answer simple questions about a rhyme. | Ask three pupils to come out to the chalkboard: one pupil writes the first sound, one the second sound and one the last sound of the word 'hut' (repeat with several CVCs). |  |
| Teaching aids |  |  |
| Before the lesson: | Ask the pupils to practise writing the letters ' $x$ ' and 'ai' in sand trays and in their exercise book. |  |
| Write words containing the sounds ' $x$ ' and 'ai' on the chalkboard. |  |  |
| Write the letters ' $x$ ' and ' ${ }^{\prime}$ '' on the chalkboard. |  |  |
| Prepare sand trays. |  |  |





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title

## Simple objects



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Say the sound 'oa'.
Use simple nouns to name objects.
Play I spy.
Build simple words.

Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Make a set of flash cards with the words containing 'oa'.
Read Learn English 1, page 20.

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Teach the sound that 'oa' makes, as in goat.

Ask the pupils to fill these gaps with correct letters, eg:
$\mathrm{b}-\ldots \mathrm{t}=$ boat
$s--p=$
$t-\quad d=$
l__d=
$\mathrm{c}, \ldots \mathrm{t}=$
Ask them to read the words they have written, trying to sound out the word.
Tell the pupils to write several
previously learned letters in
the air, in their books, and on the chalkboard with a finger dipped in water.

Introduce today's word, 'ff'.
Introduction
Whole class teaching
$\overline{\text { Ask the pupils to look around }}$
the class and name as
many objects as they can.

## Main activity

Whole class teaching
Ask the pupils to open Learn English 1, page 20 and name all the objects they can see.

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Objects around us Day 2

## Giving <br> instructions



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Recognise and say the sound 'oa' in words.

Give and follow a simple instruction in English.

Suggest answers to simple puzzles.

Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write the words containing 'oa on the chalkboard.

Read Learn English 1, page 30.
Have ready some everyday objects, such as a ball, book, pencil, etc.

Letters and sounds

## Whole glass teaching

Ask the pupils if they can tell you the sound 'oa' makes in a word.
Remind them that it makes the sound 'oa' as in goat and ask them to practise saying it to a partner.
Write words that contain the sound 'oa' on the chalkboard.

Ask one half of the class to sound out a word, eg: 'c-oa-t’.

Ask the other half to say the word 'coat'.
Repeat with several 'oa' words.
Ask pupils to write words that contain the sound 'oa' in their exercise book.

Introduce today's word, 'meet'.


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Week 20
Objects around us Day 3

## What is this?



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Say the sound 'ee'.
Build CVCs and simple regular words.

Read the names of objects.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write words that contain the sound 'ee' on the chalkboard.

Make each group a set of flash cards, containing the key words.
Read Learn English 1, page 30.

Letters and sounds

## Whole class teaching

Say the words on the chalkboard, emphasising the 'ee' sound in each word.

Say the words again and ask the pupils to join in with you.

Ask some pupils to come out and underline the letters 'ee' in the words on the chalkboard.

Divide the class into two teams. One team thinks of a CVC and says it out loud.

The other team has to sound it out and spell it on the chalkboard.
Now swap roles.
Introduce today's word, 'feet'.

| 10 minutes | Learn English 1 | 25 <br> minutes | Learn English 1 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching |  | Whole class teaching | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask the pupils to open Learn English 1, page 30, and look at the pictures. |  | Write the names of the objects on the chalkboard as they say them. | Ask the pupils to ask each other questions about the pictures in Learn English 1, page 30 using the phrases: 'What is this?' | Draw some objects on the chalkboard. |
| Ask them to name all the objects they can see in the pictures. |  | Point to each word and ask the pupils to read them. |  | Ask the pupils to pick the name of an object on the flash card and place it under the matching picture. |
|  |  | They should answer using the phrase, 'This is a _ )' |  |  |
|  |  | Ask them to fill in these gaps with correct letters: $\begin{aligned} & s p_{\ldots} n^{n} \\ & m_{\ldots} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{p}-\mathrm{t} \\ & \mathrm{~b}-\mathrm{d} \\ & \mathrm{cl} \_-\mathrm{ck} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |

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Week 20
Objects around us Day 4

## Matching words to objects

| Learning outcomes | Letters and sounds |
| :---: | :---: |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |
|  | Say the sound 'ee' and point to |
| Read words that contain the sound 'ee'. | on the chalkboard. |
|  | Sound out each word containing |
| Build simple words. | this sound, eg: 'f-ee-t'. |
| Match words to objects. | Ask pupils if they can tell you |
| Say a simple sentence. | the word you have |
|  | Introduce today's word, 'greet'. |
| Teaching aids | Individual task |
| Before the lesson: | Write these words on the chalkboard and ask the pupils to fill the gaps with the correct letters, |
| Write words containing the sound 'ee' on the chalkboard. | in their exercise books: <br> tr |
| Have ready the set of flash cards with the key words. | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{b}-- \\ & \mathrm{s} \\ & \mathrm{fr} \end{aligned}$ |


| 10 minutes | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Game |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Individual task | Whole class teaching |  |
| Ask the pupils to name several objects in the classroom. | Give each group a set of flash cards. | Dictate these simple sentences for the pupils to try and write in their exercise books: | $\overline{\text { Play 'I spy'. }}$ |  |
|  | Ask them to place the words next to the correct object in the classroom and say the name. |  | See if any pupils can lead the game. |  |
|  |  | 'I can see a book.' |  |  |
|  |  | 'My feet can tap.' |  |  |
|  | Ask each group to think of two simple sentences using the name of an object. | 'We can see a pen and a book.' |  |  |
|  |  | Encourage them to look for the words around the classroom to help them. |  |  |

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## Week 20

Objects around us Day 5

## can see



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Say the sounds 'oa' and 'ee'.
Read and write simple words.
Match the names of objects
with their picture.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write the words containing 'oa' and 'ee' on the chalkboard.

Write the key words on the chalkboard.

Find a large piece of blank paper for each group, eg: the back of a calendar.
Read Learn English 1, page 30.

Letters and sounds

Whole class teaching
Point to 'oa' and 'ee' on the chalkboard and say the sounds.
Ask pupils to repeat them out loud.
Read the words that contain
the sounds 'oa' and 'ee'.
Introduce today's word, 'jog'.
Pair task
One partner sounds out a word and the other partner spells it and says the word.
Swap over roles.
Ask each pair to draw a picture of their favourite word and write the word next to it.

| 10 <br> minutes | 25 minutes |  | 10 <br> minutes$\| \begin{aligned} & \text { Game }\end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Pair task | Whole class teaching |
| Ask the pupils to look at the pictures in Learn English 1, page 30. | Give each group a sheet of paper and ask them to draw and write as many objects as they can think of: in the house in the classroom in the market | Ask each pair to ask each other the questions: <br> 'What can you see in the house?' <br> 'I can see _-' <br> 'What can you see in the classroom?' <br> 'I can see _ '. | Play 'I spy'. |
| Ask the pupils to read the names of the objects. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Ask them to show their pictures to the rest of the class and read the names of the objects. |  |  |

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