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Vocabulary activities to support
the National Curriculum at home

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Introduction

When we think about being successful in education and life, we naturally think of the importance of reading and writing, but not so much vocabulary. Interestingly, in maths a child's understanding of their times tables is seen as crucial, as they are the foundations of any further mathematical activity a child does in school and beyond. Well, vocabulary is just as crucial. Not just for reading and writing, but for the whole curriculum as well as your child's wider understanding of the world around them, how it works and how they communicate with it. Vocabulary, or words, underpins all forms of knowledge acquisition and communication development. Words will literally unlock the doors to a world of understanding for your child.



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Vocabulary Ninja Workbooks provide a comprehensive introduction to vocabulary, focusing on a variety of areas to enhance your child's curriculum knowledge and develop their reading and writing skills. The range of exciting activities, games and challenges include:

World of Words

A range of activities designed to develop an understanding of the world, focusing specifically on objects and emotions.

Curriculum Topic Vocabulary

Specially-selected vocabulary from key National Curriculum topics covered in each year group to help develop your child's subject-specific vocabulary.

Breadth and Depth Activities

Activities that introduce new and exciting vocabulary, with the primary focus of widening your child's vocabulary and deepening their understanding.

Grammar-Focused Activities

Activities that support the development of grammar and the vocabulary associated with it, in line with the curriculum requirements for grammar.

Vocabulary Laboratory

Games, challenges and puzzles are littered throughout the book, providing engaging and exciting ways for your child to recall and use the vocabulary they have learnt.

Creative Writing

Vocabulary for creative writing is built up throughout the book, starting with a focus on interesting descriptive words and increasing in complexity until finishing with writing activities that enable your child to apply the vocabulary from the earlier stages.



Ninja Tip Discussing, using and playing with the vocabulary from each page is just as important as getting the questions right. Where possible, try to use and model the vocabulary from the book during everyday life with your child, finding different contexts to use it in.

How to use this book

This book increases in complexity and challenge across six different sections. Your child should attempt the Grasshopper and Shinobi sections of the book as independently as possible, asking for support where necessary. As your child moves through the rest of the book, adult guidance and support is recommended to ensure your child fully understands each activity and the vocabulary in it. Don't worry though, examples are provided on most pages and answers are available at the back of the book. When your child has finished the activities, you can go to www.vocabularyninja.co.uk to download a certificate.

Understanding Objects

These words are everyday words that we need in our daily lives. They are developed from what we see and do as we grow up.

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture. One has been done for you.

Matching Meaning 1 – Urban Street



pavement

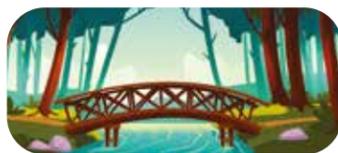
kerb

bus stop

lamppost

postbox

Matching Meaning 2 – Countryside



stream

bridge

footpath

meadow

cattle

Verb Victory

Verbs tell us exactly how someone or something is behaving, moving or acting. There is a whole world of exciting verbs out there. Let's discover some more.



Fill the gaps in the sentences using the words from the Word Bank. One has been done for you.

We should learn how to bake cakes.

Why do you _____ peas so much?

Just _____ to the birds singing.

Use the key to open the door and _____.

Run and _____ into the pool.

_____ the bags by the door.

Should we _____ the rest of the group?

I _____ with her, she is wrong.

Don't _____ at him, it is not kind.

Be careful not to _____.

Seeds will _____ into plants.

We should _____ what we do next.

_____ the ball over here please.

I _____ you.

Just _____ them, it's not worth it.

Use the towel to _____ yourself.

Word Bank

- disagree
- discuss
- dive
- dry
- enter
- fall
- follow
- forgive
- grow
- hate
- ignore
- kick
- laugh
- ~~learn~~
- leave
- listen

There are so many words to help us understand exactly how and why a character is walking the way they are.

Draw lines to join each word with the matching description and picture. One has been done for you.

'Walk' word	Description	
wander	walk slowly with heavy steps	
march	walk while not really knowing where you're going	
stroll	walk slowly while enjoying the surroundings	
plod	walk quickly with determination	

Write your own sentences using the four new walking words.

Example: I strolled through the beautiful park.

wander
Sentence: _____

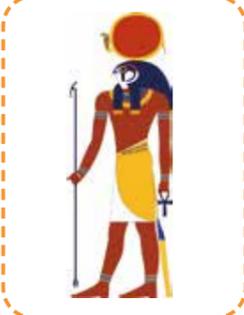
stroll
Sentence: _____

march
Sentence: _____

plod
Sentence: _____

Around 4000 years ago, Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest civilisations the world had ever known. Here's some key vocabulary linked to Ancient Egypt.

Label the pictures using the words from the Word Bank. Two have been done for you.

		 sarcophagus
		
		
		 Ra

Word Bank

- sphinx
- papyrus
- pyramid
- Tutankhamun
- scarab beetle
- River Nile
- ~~Ra (Sun God)~~
- mummy
- camel
- hieroglyphics
- ~~sarcophagus~~
- Anubis (God of the Afterlife)

'Say' Words

Knowing a variety of ways to describe how something is said helps us understand how a character is saying something or the mood they are in when they say it. This is really important.

Draw lines to join each word with the matching description and picture. One has been done for you.

whisper

say loudly



shout

say a question



joke

say something quietly



ask

say something funny



reply

say an answer



Vocabulary Builder

Build your vocabulary word by word. These four amazing words have been chosen to expand your vocabulary: **effortless**, **tedious**, **detest** and **hazardous**.

Read each word and the definition which explains what it means. Then use each word in a sentence.

Discuss the word with an adult first and develop a sentence together if you are unsure.

Effortless describes an action which is very easy to do – it doesn't take any effort.

Sentence: _____

Tedious means something which is boring, dull and repetitive.

Sentence: _____

If you **detest** something, you dislike it very much – you hate it.

Sentence: _____

If something is **hazardous**, it is risky and dangerous.

Sentence: _____
