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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.

Matching Meaning

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

One has been done for you.

peg sad mat bug hug

Words which mean the same are called synonyms.

Draw a line to match each Start word to the Finish word which means the same. One has been done for you.

Start happy sad good small big

Finish great large merry glum tiny

A line connects 'happy' to 'merry'.

Word Hunt

Can you become a Vocabulary Grand Master by writing down 12 different words from the playground image below?

Think of the objects you can see, and the scenery.
One has been done for you.



- 1 seesaw
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____

Ace Adjectives

Use the words from the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

One has been done for you.

Word Bank

tall ~~lazy~~ tiny
bad red fat



The lazy cat lay on the bed.



The _____ mouse had some cheese for tea.



"Woof!" went the _____ dog too loudly.



The owl landed in the _____ tree.



A _____ fish jumped out of the water.



The _____ cow ate the green grass.

Mighty Materials

Label each material using the words from the Word Bank.



_____ fabric _____









Word Bank

wood
glass
plastic
~~fabric~~
metal

Matching Materials

Match the materials to their properties using a line.

Properties are words to describe different features of a material.

Material

rubber

glass

fabric

metal

Property

soft

see-through

bendy

shiny

Memory

Copy out each word to help you remember it.

shiny

smooth

waterproof

stretchy

dull

bendy

rough

stiff

soft

hard

Matching Meaning

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

One has been done for you.



jam

jet

van

zip

cash

wings



Word Jumble

These words are all spelled with a consonant, then a vowel, then another consonant. These are known as CVC words: **consonant vowel consonant.**

Unjumble the letters below to make words. Use the pictures to help you. One has been done already.



tha

hat



amt



acp



tca



gep



apg

Re-write each sentence by replacing **big** or **small** with a word which matches from the Word Bank.

Think about how the change of word affects the meaning. One has been done for you.

Word Bank

- tiny
- ~~huge~~
- mini
- large

The **big** giant stamped his feet. The huge giant stamped his feet.

Alex was a **small** boy. _____

The **big** dog was sleeping. _____

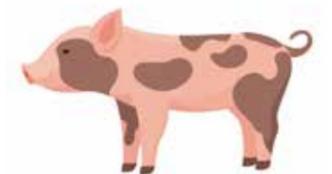
Small bugs were on the plant. _____



asd



pna



igp