

# Pictures to Words

## Using visuals to prompt speaking, etc. - in any language

This pointer was originally created alongside The Language Magician, an online game for Primary learners. Graphics from that game are included as examples.

The strategy applies to all ages and languages.

You can use any images you have available, as relevant to your teaching and learning scheme.

- Print cards with pictures representing vocabulary (Some pictures are available below)
- Print cards with written words to match the pictures

**Speaking** games with  
miniflashcards – in pairs:

Turn over picture cards and  
say the word

Turn over word cards and  
say them

Turn over word cards and  
spell

Turn over picture cards – say  
and spell

Turn over the picture cards  
one at a time and say the  
words against the clock

Say a sentence using the  
picture card .

Learners in groups have  
two sets per group of all  
the **picture** cards.

In turn, turn over 2 cards  
to find a pair **and say the  
words**

In turn each child says in a  
sentence if they like the  
thing on the picture / which  
is their favourite

Children in groups have  
two sets per group of all  
the word cards.

In turn, turn over 2 cards  
to find a pair **and say and  
translate the words**

Learners in groups have a  
set per group of all the  
picture cards and all the  
word cards.

In turn, turn over 2 cards  
to find a pair **and say and  
spell the words.**



Listening / speaking games with  
miniflashcards:

1. Listen (to simple utterances), grab/hold up the card (and say the words again)
2. Listen (to a story) and grab/hold up the card when you hear its name
3. Put the cards in the order you hear
4. Listen to a spelling and hold up the card
5. Hold up a card and challenge partners to say and spell the word



## Reading games with miniflashcards:

1. Children read individual words from the screen and grab/hold up the matching picture card
2. Children read a sentence from the screen and put the picture cards in the order they occur
3. Children sort word cards into dictionary order



## Writing games with miniflashcards:

1. Learners stick cards on a poster / in a book and write labels
2. ... write down the words they like best in their own language and the new language
3. ... write the words in dictionary order
4. ... write a sentence using the picture word



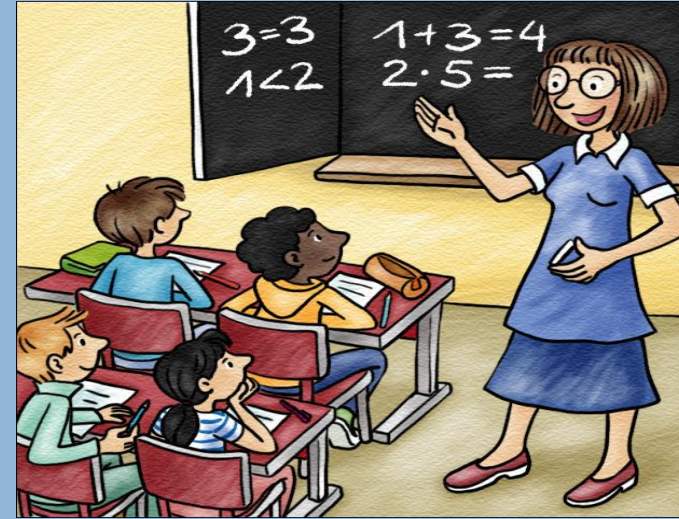
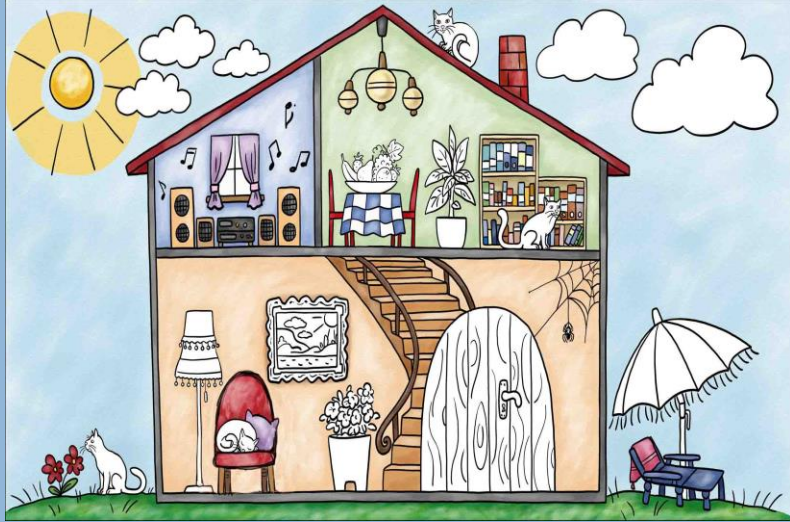
# Sample images











- The Language Magician is here:

<https://www.thelanguagemagician.net/access/> .

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