**Instructions for Educators** 

Language Builder



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# The Stages Learning Materials Philosophy

We all know that learning happens in stages. Learn to crawl before you walk, learn to walk before you run. Language development also happens in stages. Our products are created to stimulate learning and provide tools and strategies for creative, effective language building at every stage.

As a company formed by a UCLA trained Behavioral Consultant and the parent of a child with autism, Stages Learning Materials is committed to providing parents, professionals, and educators with the highest quality educational materials in the industry. Stages' photo flash card sets, games, puzzles, books and posters use beautiful pictures and effective lessons to teach a variety of early language and critical thinking skills. Stages Learning Materials are found in preschools, day care centers, early childhood classrooms, autism programs, speech language programs, and homes around the world.

The stages of your child's development are precious and wonderful. Stages Learning Materials will partner with you to make the most of every stage.

# Your Language Builder: *Picture Nouns 2*

Congratulations on your purchase of Stages Learning Materials Language Builder: Picture Nouns 2. This quality set of flash cards has been specially designed as a tool for use by parents, professionals, and educators to teach key language concepts to preschool age children; children and adults with autism, speech and language disorders or developmental delays; and to anyone first learning basic language skills.

The Language Builder: Picture Nouns 2 cards are intended to be

an advance vocabulary set to follow the Language Builder: Picture Noun Set 1. Together these two sets form a comprehensive collection of basic vocabulary images. These images will work as an integrated system while your child's cognitive and language skills progress from beginning to more advanced stages.

This 200-card set includes photographic images from twelve basic categories (Body Parts, Insects & Bugs, Sea Life, Animals, Transportation, Foods, Tools, Musical Instruments, Farm, Clothing, Everyday Objects, and Safety Signs). The Language Builder: Picture

Nouns 2 is designed to stand alone as an advanced vocabulary tool, and to integrate with the other Language Builder Sets to create numerous language-learning activities.



For the convenience of the instructor, the back of each card is numbered, provides

a label for the featured image, and lists suggested activities for which the card is targeted. Each hi-gloss card is 3 ½" x 5" and fits seamlessly into the rest of the Language Builder Program. The following is a list of the images included in the Language Builder: Picture Nouns 2:

#### **Body Parts**

- Eyes
   Ear
- 3. Nose
- 4. Mouth
- 5. Hand
- 6. Fingers
- 7. Thumb
- 8. Arm
- 9. Wrist
- 11. Shoulder
- 12. Foot
- 13. Toes
- 14. Heel
- 15. Ankle
- 16. Knee
- 17. Leg 18. Back
- 19. Head
- 20. Stomach

#### **Insects & Bugs**

- 21. Ant
- 22. Bee
- 23. Beetle
- 24. Butterfly
- 25. Caterpillar26. Centipede
- 27. Cricket
- 28. Dragonfly
- 29. Earwig 30. Flv
- 31. Grasshopper
- 32. Ladybug
- 33. Mosquito
- 34. Praying Mantis
- 35. Roach
- 36. Scorpion
- 37. Snail
- 38. Wasp
- 40. Walking Stick
- 41. Stink Bug
- 42. Katydid www.staaeslearnina.com

Sea Life 43. Crab 44. Dolphin 45. Eel 46. Hermit Crab 47. Jelly Fish 48. Lobster 49. Ray 50. Octopus 51. Seahorse 52. Sea Turtle 53. Sea Urchin 54. Seal 55. Shark 56. Starfish 57. Swordfish 58. Killer Whale 59. Manatee 60. Squid 61. Walrus	Animals 64. Beaver 65. Deer 66. Fox 67. Raccoon 68. Squirrel 69. Buffalo 70. Camel 71. Ferret 72. Guinea Pig 73. Hamster 74. Donkey 75. Rat 76. Ostrich 77. Pelican 78. Penguins 79. Puffin 80. Quail 81. Flamingo 82. Swan	Transportation 84. Cable Car 85. Garbage Truck 86. Fork Lift 87. Motor Home 88. Race Car 89. Taxi Cab 90. Station Wagon 91. Harvester 92. Golf Cart 93. Unicycle 94. Wheelchair 95. Scooter 96. Skateboard 97. Canoe 98. Jet Ski 99. Escalator 100. Roller Coaster 101. Skis 102. Sled	105. Hang Glider 106. Hot Air Balloon 107. Space Shuttle Foods 108. Avocado 109. Cucumber 110. Green Beans 111. Asparagus 112. Artichoke 113. Bell Peppers 114. Eggplant 115. Pumpkin 116. Garlic 117. Onion 118. Pear 119. Pineapple 120. Kiwi 121. Cherries 122. Blueberries 123. Nuts
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126. Steak On The Farm 162. Light Bulb 183. No Pedestrians 127. Bacon 163. Envelope 184. Pedestrian 144. Barn 164. Toilet Paper Crossing 145. Hav Tools 185. Rail Road 165. Toothpaste 146. Pitchfork 128. Nails 166. Calculator 147. Saddle 186. Hospital 129. Screw 167. Pen 187. Fire Station 148. Shovel 130. Saw 168. Pencil Sharpener 188. Phone 149 Wheelbarrow 131. Screw Driver 169. Eraser 189. Do Not Enter 150. Plough 132. Wrench 170. Globe 190. Poison 151. Wheat Musical 171. Fire Hydrant 191. Caution Clothing Instruments 172. Birdhouse 192. No Trespassing 152. Scarf 173. Mailbox 193. Flammable 133. Trumpet 153. Tie 134. Piano 174. Lock 194. High Voltage 154. Pajamas 135. Drums 195. Wet Floor Safety Signs 136. Saxophone 196. Handicap Access Everyday Objects 175. Stop 137. Violin 155. Blender 197. Men's Restroom 176. Walk 138. Harp 198. Women's 156. Measuring Cup 177. Don't Walk 139. Flute Restroom 157. Rolling Pin 178. Yield 140. Trombone 199. First Aid Box 158. Paper Towels 179. Fxit 141. Clarinet 200. Fire Extinguisher 159 Vase 180. School Crossing 201. Blank 142. Cymbals 160. Iron 181. Bike Route 143. Tambourine (use as distractor) 161. Sewing Machine 182. No Bikes

# **Suggested Activities:**

# • Receptive Object Labeling

Use any of the noun cards. Place a card on the table facing your student. Ask your student to give you, or to touch, the card in question. Your student can progress through three steps with this activity:



(1) Place only the target card on the table.



Place the picture of the butterfly (#24) on the table. Give your student the instruction "Give me the

butterfly" or "touch the butterfly."
When your student either touches
the card or hands it to you, you
know that he or she has received
and understood the word

(2) Place the target card and a blank distracter card on the table.

### Example:

Place the butterfly card (#24) as well as blank distracter card (#201) on the table facing your student. Give your student the instruction "Give me the butterfly" or "touch the butterfly."







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You should try this activity several times while randomly changing the position of the butterfly card and the distracter card. When your student either touches the card or hands it to you, regardless of the position of the card, you can feel even more confident that he or she has received and understood the word.

(3) Place the target card and another picture card from the set on the table.

# Example:

a. Place the butterfly card (#24) on the table. This time, also place one of the other cards from the set on the table (#147, the saddle, for example). Give your student the instruction "Give me the butterfly," or "touch the butterfly." When your student either touches the butterfly card or hands it to you, you know that he or she has received and understood the word and distinguished the butterfly from the saddle.





 b. You should try this activity several times while randomly changing the position of the butterfly card and the saddle card.

- c. When your student can correctly select the butterfly card, you should switch out the saddle picture card a few times (i.e. use the saddle picture as a distracter one time, then switch to the picture of the piano.
- d. Increase the number of other cards so your student will have to carefully study all the cards before selecting the butterfly. For example: place the butterfly card, as well as the Saddle, the Piano, and the Onions on the table.

# Expressive Object Labeling

Use any cards from #1 to #200. Hold the card up for your student to see.

Ask him or her to identify the picture.

#### Example:

Hold up the picture of the pear (#118) and ask your student, "What is it?" Your student should answer by verbalizing the



student, "What is it?" Your student should answer by verbalizing the correct label, "Pear." Your student can start by giving a one word answer and progress to full sentence answers such as, "It is a pear."

# • Categorization Activities

# — Category Matching

On the back of each card is printed the category to which it belongs. Place a card from one category on the table

facing your student. Hand your child another card from that category and ask him or her to match it with the card from the corresponding category.



### Example:

Hand your student card #121, the picture of cherries, and ask him or her to match it to card #119, the picture of a pineapple, which you have already placed on the table. Use the phrase, "put cherries with food." Repeat this with each of the other food cards until all 20 food

cards are in the stack on the table. As with the matching activities above, you can start with (1) no distracter cards on the table, then (2) a blank distracter card on the table, then (3) distracter cards from different categories on the table. Ideally, your student will work toward the ability to have many different category piles on the table, and match each of the pictures you hand him or her to the appropriate category.

# Receptive Categories

As mentioned above, the back of each card is printed with the category to which it belongs. Place a card from one category on the

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table facing your student. Ask your student to give you, or to touch, the card from the category in question.

### Example:

Place #130, the picture of the saw, on the table. Tell your student to "Give me tool," or to "touch tool."



Your student can again progress from doing this activity with (1) only the target card on the

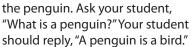
table, to (2) target card and a blank distracter card on the table, to (3) target card and a card from a different category on the table.

# Expressive Categories

Hold a category card up for your student to see. Ask him or her to identify the category represented by the picture.

## Example:

Hold up #78, the picture of



# Sorting Categories

Place several cards from various categories on the table. Ask your child to sort the cards according to category.

### Advanced Activities

# — Adjectives

Many of the cards are ideal for practice using adjectives or descriptive terms.

For example, use the picture of the pumpkin and discuss the attributes of the



pumpkin. "The pumpkin is orange and round." Be creative and prompt your students to use full sentences.

# — Functions

Choose pictures with obvious and familiar functions, and discuss with your student what you do with each of the items. "What do you do with a

light bulb?""It helps you see at night."

"What do you do with an envelope?""You use it to mail a letter."



### — Tell me about ...

Pick cards with which your student is familiar. Show your student the picture and ask them to tell you about the item in the picture. You can start with more scripted responses, using the picture to cue the student, and progress to more creative responses that may not be so obvious from the picture.

# Example:

Show your student the picture of

the shark. Ask your student to "tell me about a shark." By looking at the picture, your student can get some basic answers. "A shark lives in the ocean." "A shark has sharp teeth." "A shark has a pointy fin on



his back." As your student becomes more familiar with this activity you

may progress to things about a shark that are not readily apparent from the picture. "A shark is a fish." "A shark eats other small fish and ocean animals." When your student learns to write, this activity will transfer well from an oral activity to writing

practice. "Write down 3 things you know about a shark." Again, the picture makes a wonderful cue to prompt this activity.

#### — Guess what ...

Once your student has mastered several descriptions from the "tell me about ..." exercise, you can turn the exercise around. This time, you give the descriptions, and ask your student to guess what you are talking about.

#### Example:

Tell your student, "I'm thinking of something that lives in the ocean, has sharp teeth, and a pointy fin on its back. Guess what it is." If your student has trouble guessing you can use a picture as a prompt.

#### Variation:

Place several different pictures on the table at one time, then ask your student the "guess what" question. Your student can answer by selecting the correct picture from among the other cards. This is a good option for non-verbal students.

# — Storytelling

Pick a card representing an object your student is particularly fond of (the cherries, for example). Show your student the picture and then ask them to tell you a story about the picture (i.e. "tell me a story about cherries"). You can always use some of the descriptions your student has mastered from the Tell me about activity to prompt the story.

# Special activities for the Body Parts Cards and the Safety Signs Cards

The Body Parts cards and Safety signs have special teaching opportunities.

# — Safety Signs

Teach students to identify, recognize and know the meaning of the different signs they will see in the community.

#### Example:

Hold up card #177, the "Don't Walk" symbol, ask your student, "what does this sign mean?" "What should you do when you see this sign?" You can also

lay multiple pictures out on the table and ask, "Which sign means you should not cross the street?" Your student



can select the correct picture.

# — Body Parts

Teach students to recognize and identify the different parts of their body.

#### Example:

Hold up card #1, the picture of the eyes. Ask your



student, "What is this picture of?" "Where are your eyes?" "What do you do with your eyes?"■

Use the Language Builder: Picture Nouns 2 with other Stages **Learning Materials products!** 

Stages' products are created to work together. The original Language Builder Picture Noun set includes hundreds of images from some of the same categories as your Picture Nouns 2. You can combine Animals, Vehicles, Clothing, and Foods cards from both sets for even more category labeling and matching opportunities.



#### **Other Quality Products from Stages Learning Materials:**

Language Builder: Picture Noun Cards Set 1

Language Builder: Occupation Cards

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