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101 Fun and Educational Flashcard Activities...

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Tips for Using '101 Fun and Educational Flashcard Activities'....

*Never, Never, **Never put away** your flashcards...**immerse** your learning area in words !

***Play with Words** at every opportunity!

*Plan one of these flashcards ([sight words](#) or [theme words](#)) **activities everyday** - from short whole class activities to structured literacy group activities.

***Impromptu** flashcard activities work really well.

*Whenever you plan to print off a set of flashcards - print off 2 sets - or ideally, **1 larger set and 2 smaller sets.**

*Make use of **different print sizes.** The larger 4 words to a page size is ideal for **wall display.** 2 in 1 print sizes are great for **hands on games.** 9 in 1 is ideal for small take home word cards and printing off black and white **individual copies** for children to work with. [How to print in different sizes....](#)

***Never underestimate the power of the written 'flashcard' word! ***

[When is a Flashcard NOT a Flashcard...?](#)

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1. Immerse your Learning Area ...

*Absolutely immerse your learning area with words and flashcards - hang them from the ceiling like a ladder, have them on the windows, pop them on your bulletin board displays, place them in themed buckets or hanging pockets.

*Children need to be absolutely enveloped by all sorts of words - EVERYWHERE !

2. Coin Toss / Beanbag Toss...

*Place selected flashcard words on the floor face up.

*Children take turns to toss the coin, or beanbag onto a word and then say that word.

*Make this more difficult by asking the 'tossers' to throw onto a specific word or other clues, such as - a word beginning with 'b' or a word with the sound 'oo' in it, or a word with 4 letters for example.

3. Mini Cards...

*Have a box of small blank mini cards or paper on hand at all times.

*You can purchase 'post it' notes these days about the right size (approx. 10cm x 2cm).

*Children use these to write down words from word walls, and charts - then take the words back to their writing.

*These are also great for writing words on when doing writing conferences.

4. Make a Flashcard Dictionary...

*Each child has a 'scrapbook' with each letter of the alphabet written at the top of every 2nd or 3rd page.

*Whenever you present a new set of flashcards or words - print your chosen flashcards in black and white reducing the size to about 4in 1 in your printer settings.

*Children cut these words out and glue them into the appropriate initial letter of their 'dictionary scrapbook'

*Great for writing reference and word practice—by the end of the year they have a full scrapbook of all the words they have been 'exposed' to.

5. Mini Words....

*Print off smaller size words in black and white using the printer settings (for example 4in1 page).

*These words are then cut up and put into a small lunch container to practise at home.

*Send a copy of these ['101 Flashcard Activities'](#) home with parents as a reference for activities with these cards.

6. Who Am I ? Game...

*Have your selected flashcards on display.

*Children take turns giving 'who am I' clues for a chosen word.

*For example, I am yellow, I have 5 letters, I end in 'y'.

*Other children guess the word.

7. Hangman....

*Have your selected flashcards on display.

*Play 'hangman' using these flashcards as reference.

8. Find-a-Word in Reading Books...

- *Using your pile of chosen flashcards - children find each word in class reading books.
- *Write down each word and how many times they found it.
- *Could use a 'tally' for this.

9. Dominoes...

- *Using your chosen flashcards, deal them out so that each child has the same amount.
- *Children take turns placing their cards down making sure the last letter of one matches the first letter of another word card as in dominoes style.

10. Interactive Whiteboard Wordplay...

- *Set your IWB so that your chosen flashcards pdf file displays.
- *Children circle the letters, sounds, and patterns within the words.

11. Chinese Whispers....

- *Children are sitting in a circle.
 - *First child picks up a flashcard and whispers the word to the child next to them
 - *The word get 'whispered' around to the last child who says to word out loud.
- Flashcard gets held up to check of correct.

12. Circle Letter Blends and Sounds....

- *Use whiteboard markers to circle phonics blends and sounds within your laminated flashcards.

13. Circle Smaller Words Within Words...

*Use whiteboard markers to circle smaller words within the laminated flashcard words.

*For example - 'ball' - 'all'.

14. Chalk Words...

*Children go outside and practise writing their flashcard words with chalk on the concrete.

15. Handwriting Practise...

*Children use whiteboard markers to practise tracing over a set of laminated flashcards.

16. Twister Chart...

*Make a 'twister' style chart with chalk on a concrete floor, using letters instead of colours.

*Children choose a flashcard word and place their feet and hands on the letters as they spell out the words.

17. Flashlight Words....

*Have your chosen word cards on display.

*Turn off the lights and use a flashlight or torch to flash on each word card.

*Children say the word as you flash on them.

Alphabetical Order....

18. Around the World Words...

- *Children play this in continuous pairs.
- *Flash the word card to the first pair, first child to say the word correctly, moves on to the next child to make a pair.
- *Another card is flashed - first child to answer correctly moves on to the next child and so on....

19. Tic Tac Toe Here I Go...

- *Have your chosen word cards displayed.
- *Children or Teacher uses a pointer to sing as they point to the words in random fashion...
- 'Tic Tac Toe Here I go, Where I Land I Do Not Know'
- *Stop on a card - children say the word.
- *Is fun to go really fast with this and children love being the 'teacher'.
- *This has always been a simple favourite wherever I have used it.

20. Swat the Word...

- *Have the chosen words displayed.
- *Children use a flyswat to 'swat' the words as they are called out.

21. Stepping Stones....

- *Place chosen word cards on the floor in random fashion.
- *Children take turns stepping on the stones (word cards), saying the words as they step on each one.
- *Children be careful not to fall off into the river full of crocodiles.

22. Musical Words...

- *Children sit in a circle.
- *1-5 flashcards are passed around as music plays.
- *Once music stops, children with cards, stop and look at them and say the word - continue with the music.
- *Can build it up to 20 or more cards being passed around—good fun.

23. Word Walk...

- *Children grab 1 or more cards from the flashcards, depending on the age or level of the children.
- *Children walk around the room or school (under supervision) looking for their words on signs, books, around the environment...
- *Children keep a tally of how many times they see each word.
- *To make it fun children could have their own 'word wands' made from dowel or 'fairy wands' purchased from cheap shops.

24. Playdough Words...

- *Children make flashcard words up using playdough.
- *If you make the word cards larger size, they can place the playdough over the top of the letters..

25. String Glue Words....

- *Children make up their own word cards by cutting and gluing string onto card to make up the words.
- *Younger children could use a printed black and white copy of the word cards to glue their string over the top of the letters as a template....

26. Crisscross Words....

*Children write their words downwards, then fill in the missing letters.....

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27. Letter Stencils and Letter Stamps...

*Children make up words from the selected word cards using letters stencils or letter stamps.

28. Magnetic Letters...

*Children make flashcard words using magnetic letters.

*A great way to do this for individual use is to use cheap baking trays for each child to place their magnets on.

29. Beat the Clock....

*Using the word cards, how many times can each word be written in 1 minute.

*Great to work in pairs with one child writing and one child doing the timing.

30. Beat the Clock Reading...

*Hold up the flashcard words - how many words can be read out loud in 1 minute.

*Again, this could be done as a class or in pairs with one child saying the word while the other times.

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Thank You !

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