

Language Tutor™

Picture Words Cards



Why Language Tutor™?

Language Tutor provides an interactive, audiovisual experience that is appropriate for a wide range of students: struggling students in general education classrooms and special needs programs, ELL/ESL learners, and students who receive speech and language intervention.

The system uses a multisensory, model-and-response strategy for language acquisition. Students see the target words on the cards, *listen* to them being spoken on the Teacher track, and *repeat* them as many times as needed, progressing independently and at their own pace. When ready, students record themselves speaking the words and compare their speech with the Teacher track, building their skills and confidence in a systematic and motivating way. Perfect for differentiated instruction, individual students, and small groups, *Language Tutor* makes an excellent guided or center activity.

What's on the Lesson Cards?

This card set introduces and reinforces important beginning reading skills, including reading 80 high-frequency nouns, or picture words, and recognizing them in sentence context. The words in this set were drawn from the Dolch and Fry word lists. Each card presents a word used in sentence context and a full-color photograph.

The target word is shown in big, bold letters.

Full-color photographs illustrate the word.

The target word is highlighted in sentence context.



Language Tutor reads each card's unique bar code and speaks the target word and sentence.

Cards are color-coded and numbered for easy identification.

Before You Begin

If you are using *Language Tutor* in a classroom setting, designate an appropriate space for your *Language Tutor* center. To the extent possible, this space should provide a distraction-free environment for students. We suggest that students use headphones equipped with a boom microphone to eliminate classroom noise and improve the quality of their recorded speech. **Note:** *Language Tutor* supports the type of headphones equipped with two separate jacks.

Getting Started

Students should be comfortable using *Language Tutor* before they begin working independently. Introduce the unit, pointing out and demonstrating the function of the STUDENT, TEACHER, and RECORD buttons. This guide includes a brief summary of the unit's operation. **Refer to the *Language Tutor* guide included with the unit for a more detailed explanation.**

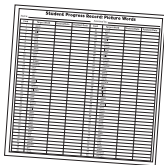
Monitoring Student Progress

Storing Student Work

Language Tutor enables you to store and evaluate the audio recordings of up to three students at a time for each card. This important feature enables multiple students to work on the same skill. This is especially helpful when several students are having difficulty with the same card. To review a student's work, place the lesson card on the unit, dial that student's assigned number, and press the STUDENT button. To review the work of another student on the *same* lesson card, turn the STUDENT button dial to that student's assigned number, and press the STUDENT button.

The Student Progress Record

The Picture Words card set enables you to match the learning task to the needs of each student. The Student Progress Record in this guide makes planning and monitoring student progress simple. Make a copy of the record for each student. To assess a student's knowledge of the target words, administer a pretest of some or all of the cards. Have the student read the word on the card, such as *apple*. If you wish, have the student find the word in the sentence and/or read the sentence. Note the date assessed and whether the student correctly read the word. Set aside incorrectly identified cards for further practice and posttest assessment.



Student Progress Report

Name: _____

Card	Target Word	Pretest/Date	Posttest/Date
1	apple		
2	baby		
3	ball		
4	bear		
5	bed		
6	bird		
7	boat		
8	book		
9	bowl		
10	box		
11	boy		
12	bread		
13	brother		
14	bus		
15	cake		
16	car		
17	cat		
18	cereal		
19	chair		
20	chicken		
21	children		
22	corn		
23	cow		
24	desk		
25	doctor		
26	dog		
27	doll		
28	door		
29	dress		
30	duck		
31	eyes		
32	farm		
33	father		
34	feet		
35	fish		
36	flower		
37	game		
38	garden		
39	girl		
40	grass		

Record: Picture Words

Assessed by: _____

Card	Target Word	Pretest/Date	Posttest/Date
41	hand		
42	hat		
43	head		
44	hill		
45	horse		
46	house		
47	letter		
48	man		
49	milk		
50	money		
51	moon		
52	mother		
53	nest		
54	pants		
55	paper		
56	party		
57	picture		
58	pig		
59	plane		
60	plant		
61	plate		
62	rabbit		
63	rain		
64	school		
65	shirt		
66	shoes		
67	sister		
68	snow		
69	soup		
70	store		
71	street		
72	sun		
73	table		
74	toy		
75	train		
76	tree		
77	truck		
78	water		
79	window		
80	woman		

Using the Cards

Place a card on *Language Tutor*. Then choose one of the following activities.

Play Teacher Audio

- Press the TEACHER button.
- Listen to the default teacher audio.
- Student repeats the audio.
- Press, listen, and repeat as many times as necessary until the student wishes to record his or her response.



Record Student Audio

- Turn the STUDENT button dial to the assigned student number (1, 2, or 3).
- Press the STUDENT button.
- Press and hold down the RECORD button.
- Speak into the microphone.
- When finished recording, release the RECORD button.
- Student compares his or her audio to teacher audio by pressing the STUDENT button and then the TEACHER button.
- Rerecord and compare as many times as necessary until successful results are achieved.



Record Teacher Audio

- Set the Teacher Audio button, located in the compartment on the bottom of the unit, to UNLOCK.
- Press the TEACHER button.
- Press and hold down the RECORD button.
- Speak into the microphone.
- When finished recording, release the RECORD button.



NOTE: *Language Tutor's* tracking lights only function with the default audio.



More Language Tutor™ Card Sets

Each *Language Tutor* card set focuses on a particular skill. Look for these additional sets:

- EI-2301 Readiness Cards
- EI-2302 Phonics 1 Cards
- EI-2303 Phonics 2 Cards
- EI-2305 Rhyming Word Families Cards
- EI-2306 Sight Words Cards
- EI-2307 Compound Words Cards
- EI-2308 Home & Family Cards
- EI-2309 School & Community Cards
- EI-2310 Make-Your-Own Cards

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