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English Vocabulary for Class 1, 2 and 3

Seventy five words grouped by school class, each with a plain meaning. Class 1 words are things a child can point at, Class 2 covers people and places, Class 3 moves on to ideas.

HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

- Find your child's class, then start at the top of that list. If they sit between two classes, start with the earlier one.
- Twenty five words is a term, not a weekend. Five or six a week is plenty.
- The meaning column is for you, so you can answer quickly when your child asks.
- Tick a word only once your child has used it themselves, not when they can repeat it.

HOW A WORD STICKS

01	02	03	04	05
SEE	UNDERSTAND	SAY	USE	REMEMBER

A 5-minute game: one word, one day

1. Pick one word at breakfast and say it out loud together once.
2. Use the word yourself three times before bedtime, in ordinary sentences.
3. Do not ask your child to repeat it. Children copy words they hear used.
4. At bedtime, ask if they noticed you saying it.
5. Tick the word the first day your child uses it without being asked.

1 Class 1: things around me

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**book**	Pages joined together that you read.
☐	**bag**	You carry your things in it.
☐	**chair**	You sit on it.
☐	**door**	You open it to go in or out.
☐	**cup**	You drink from it.
☐	**spoon**	You eat with it.
☐	**shoe**	You wear it on your foot.
☐	**clock**	It tells you the time.

2 Class 1: things I do

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**run**	To move fast on your feet.
☐	**eat**	To put food in your mouth.
☐	**sleep**	To rest with your eyes closed.
☐	**read**	To look at words and understand them.
☐	**write**	To make letters and words.
☐	**play**	To do something fun.
☐	**wash**	To clean with water.
☐	**sing**	To make music with your voice.

3 Class 1: describing words

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**big**	Not small.
☐	**small**	Not big.
☐	**hot**	Very warm to touch.
☐	**cold**	Not warm at all.
☐	**new**	Made or bought just now.
☐	**old**	Not new, from a long time ago.
☐	**happy**	Feeling good and smiling.
☐	**sad**	Feeling not happy.
☐	**fast**	Moving quickly.

4 Class 2: people and places

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**teacher**	A person who helps you learn.
☐	**neighbour**	A person who lives near you.
☐	**market**	A place where things are sold.
☐	**hospital**	A place where sick people get better.
☐	**garden**	A place where plants grow.
☐	**village**	A small place where people live.
☐	**city**	A big place with many people.
☐	**station**	A place where buses or trains stop.

5 Class 2: action words

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**carry**	To hold something and take it somewhere.
☐	**listen**	To pay attention to a sound.
☐	**borrow**	To take something and give it back later.
☐	**share**	To give part of what you have.
☐	**help**	To make something easier for someone.
☐	**build**	To make something by putting parts together.
☐	**repeat**	To say or do the same thing again.
☐	**choose**	To pick the one you want.

6 Class 2: describing words

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**quiet**	Making very little sound.
☐	**noisy**	Making a lot of sound.
☐	**heavy**	Hard to lift.
☐	**light**	Easy to lift.
☐	**empty**	With nothing inside.
☐	**full**	With no space left inside.
☐	**clean**	With no dirt on it.
☐	**careful**	Doing something slowly so nothing goes wrong.
☐	**kind**	Nice to other people.

7 Class 3: school and learning

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**answer**	What you say when someone asks a question.
☐	**question**	What you ask when you want to know something.
☐	**lesson**	A part of something you are learning.
☐	**practice**	Doing something again and again to get better.
☐	**mistake**	Something done the wrong way.
☐	**correct**	With nothing wrong in it.
☐	**explain**	To tell someone so they understand.
☐	**remember**	To keep something in your mind.

8 Class 3: feelings and people

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**nervous**	Worried about something that is going to happen.
☐	**proud**	Feeling good about something you did.
☐	**polite**	Speaking and behaving in a nice way.
☐	**honest**	Always telling the truth.
☐	**patient**	Able to wait without getting upset.
☐	**brave**	Doing something even when you are afraid.
☐	**curious**	Wanting to know more about something.
☐	**friendly**	Nice and easy to talk to.

Class 3: the world around you

USED IT	WORD	MEANING
☐	**weather**	What the sky and air are like outside.
☐	**season**	One of the parts of the year, like summer.
☐	**journey**	Going from one place to another.
☐	**danger**	Something that could hurt you.
☐	**safe**	Away from danger.
☐	**forest**	A big area with many trees.
☐	**river**	Water that flows across the land.
☐	**machine**	A thing built to do a job for you.
☐	**enough**	As much as you need.

Turn the words into a game

Word of the day

One word on the fridge each morning. Whoever uses it first wins.

Say it back

Use a word in a sentence and ask your child what they think it means.

Find the odd one

Read three words from one group and one from another. Which does not belong?

Act it out

Act a word like carry, listen or build and let your child name it.

Class ladder

Once a Class 1 group feels easy, move to the same group in Class 2 and compare the words side by side.

Use the words in real life

On the way to school

“Was the road safe?” “Who was polite to you?” “What was the weather like?”

At the market

“Is this bag heavy or light?” “Is that enough?” “Choose one.”

At homework time

“What is the question asking?” “Was that a mistake or is it correct?” “Can you explain it to me?”

At bedtime

“Were you patient today?” “What made you proud?” “Were you curious about anything?”

CLASS IS A STARTING POINT, NOT A RULE

No two children reach the same word in the same month. A child who spends weekends outdoors will know **forest** and **river** early; a child who has never been asked to wait has little use for **patient** yet. Follow the child in front of you rather than the number on the list.

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