

Flashcard Activity Bank

- **Listen for it!**

(multiple copies of one set of cards, so each child has a card)

Use flashcards with the songs and chants to practice the vocabulary. Multiple sets of flashcards can be made so that each child has a card. When the song or chant is played, the children listen for their flashcard word and hold up the card when they hear it. If they are doing this for the first time, it might be best to group them so all the children with the same flashcards are together.

- **Four corners race**

(one set of cards)

Put a different flashcard in each of the four corners of the room. Call out a particular word and have the children point, run or jump to that flashcard.

- **What's missing?**

(one set of cards)

Use four or five flashcards at a time. Place them on the board, or face up on a table. Have the class turn away while you take one flashcard away. The class try to guess which flashcard is missing (if a child isn't yet ready to say the word, he/she can point in the dictionary at the object which has been removed).

- **Who has it?**

(one set of cards)

Bring four, five or six children to the front of the class and have them stand in a line facing the class. Give each of them a different flashcard to hold, with the picture turned to face the class. Say each word, to remind the class, and then have the children turn their flashcards over so the class cannot see the pictures. Say a word and the children have to call out the name of the child (or point to the child) holding that card. To make it more challenging, have the children who are holding the cards stand in a different position after they have turned over their card.

- **Form a circle**

(one set of cards)

If you have plenty of floor space in your classroom, place four flashcards on the floor face up, leaving plenty of space between them. Call out one of the

words and the children have to run to the correct card and hold hands to form a circle around it (note that you may need to practice "forming circles" as this is a spatial awareness skill which young children cannot easily manage without practice).

- **Slow motion**

(one set of cards)

If the children are ready to say the words themselves, hold up a flashcard facing out, but cover it with a piece of paper. Very slowly begin to reveal the picture and see if the class can call out the word. If the class is not yet confident enough to say the word in English, they could say it in their own language and you could reinforce it again in English to remind them. If you play the game several times with the same set of flashcards, the children may be able to say some of the words in English by the end of the game.

- **Flash**

(one set of cards)

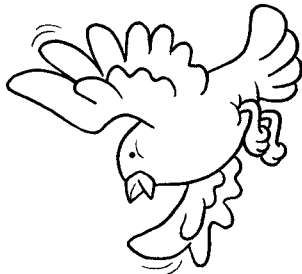
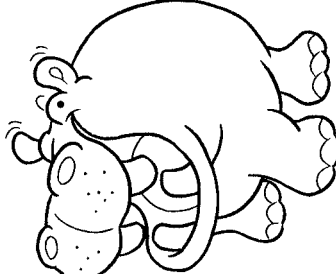
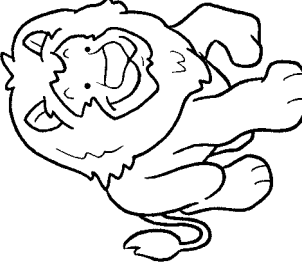

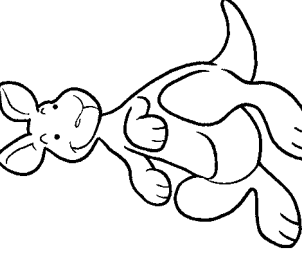

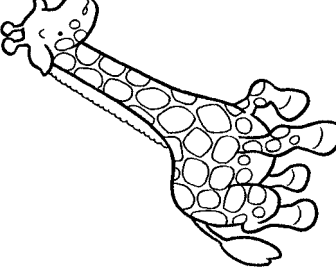
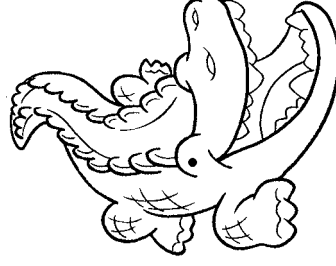
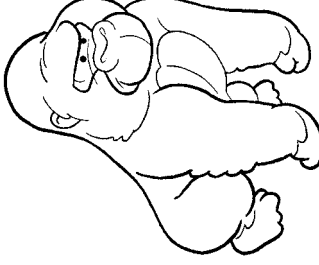
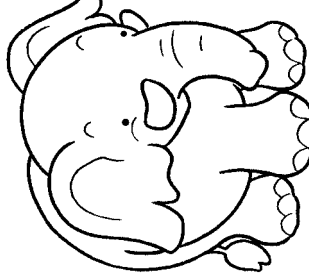
Use any set of flashcards (up to six). Quickly flash one card (for one second) and have the children say what they think they saw (in English if they can). Flash the card again, then show them properly and see if they were right. Encourage them to say what it is, in English if possible. If the class is not yet confident enough to say the word in English, they could say it in their own language and you could reinforce it again in English to remind them. If you play the game several times with the same set of flashcards, the children may be able to say some of the words in English by the end of the game.

- **Concentration**

(two copies of one set of cards)

Put six pairs of flashcards on the board with the picture side down. Invite individual children to come to the board and turn over two cards at a time looking for a pair. Each time, say the words aloud with the child (encouraging repetition from the class). If the child turns over a pair, he/she has another turn. If not, invite another child to the front to turn over two more cards from the board until all the pairs have been found.

Flashcards

26.1		bird	26.6		hippo
26.2		lion	26.7		zebra
26.3		kangaroo	26.8		tiger
26.4		giraffe	26.9		crocodile
26.5		gorilla	26.10		elephant

