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the National Curriculum at home

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Introduction

When we think about being successful in education and life, we naturally think of the importance of reading and writing, but not so much vocabulary. Interestingly, in maths a child's understanding of their times tables is seen as crucial, as they are the foundations of any further mathematical activity a child does in school and beyond. Well, vocabulary is just as crucial. Not just for reading and writing, but for the whole curriculum as well as your child's wider understanding of the world around them, how it works and how they communicate with it. Vocabulary, or words, underpins all forms of knowledge acquisition and communication development. Words will literally unlock the doors to a world of understanding for your child.



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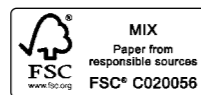
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Vocabulary Ninja Workbooks provide a comprehensive introduction to vocabulary, focusing on a variety of areas to enhance your child's curriculum knowledge and develop their reading and writing skills. The range of exciting activities, games and challenges include:

World of Words

A range of activities designed to develop an understanding of the world, focusing specifically on objects and emotions.

Curriculum Topic Vocabulary

Specially-selected vocabulary from key National Curriculum topics covered in each year group to help develop your child's subject-specific vocabulary.

Breadth and Depth Activities

Activities that introduce new and exciting vocabulary, with the primary focus of widening your child's vocabulary and deepening their understanding.

Grammar-Focused Activities

Activities that support the development of grammar and the vocabulary associated with it, in line with the curriculum requirements for grammar.

Vocabulary Laboratory

Games, challenges and puzzles are littered throughout the book, providing engaging and exciting ways for your child to recall and use the vocabulary they have learnt.

Creative Writing

Vocabulary for creative writing is built up throughout the book, starting with a focus on interesting descriptive words and increasing in complexity until finishing with writing activities that enable your child to apply the vocabulary from the earlier stages.



Ninja Tip Discussing, using and playing with the vocabulary from each page is just as important as getting the questions right. Where possible, try to use and model the vocabulary from the book during everyday life with your child, finding different contexts to use it in.

How to use this book

This book increases in complexity and challenge across six different sections. Your child should attempt the Grasshopper and Shinobi sections of the book as independently as possible, asking for support where necessary. As your child moves through the rest of the book, adult guidance and support is recommended to ensure your child fully understands each activity and the vocabulary in it. Don't worry though, examples are provided on most pages and answers are available at the back of the book. When your child has finished the activities, you can go to www.vocabularyninja.co.uk to download a certificate.



Matching Meaning

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture. One has been done for you.



frog

rubbish

glad

spark

sock

Description helps a reader know what something looks like.

Use the words from the Word Banks to describe the different parts of the two characters. One has been done for you.



- fierce eyes
- _____ tail
- _____ wings
- _____ claws

Word Bank

~~fierce~~
long sharp
powerful



- _____ shield
- _____ armour
- _____ horse
- _____ tail

Word Bank

colourful
strong black
metal

Not everything that is red is the same red. Learning about shades of colour is important to help us add detail.

Circle the word that is a shade of the colour in **bold**. One has been done for you.

red	yellow	cherry	green	blue
blue	red	grey	azure	yellow
green	blue	emerald	red	pink
yellow	purple	orange	green	butter
orange	fire	white	black	blue
purple	red	black	plum	yellow



Complete the sentences using the correct colour shades you circled above. One has been done for you.

Juhi's hair was the colour of fire (orange).

The _____ (green) trees swayed in the wind.

Pedro's _____ (blue) eyes were amazing.

_____ (yellow) coloured flowers began to grow.

The beautiful _____ (purple) dress is finally here.

_____ (red) rings sparkled in the shop window.



Hidden Words Activity

The picture below has nine hidden words. Can you find them?

Circle where they are in the picture, then write them in the spaces below.

One has been done for you.

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1 | <u>book</u> | 4 | _____ | 7 | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | 5 | _____ | 8 | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | 6 | _____ | 9 | _____ |



Can you think of nine other words for objects in the picture?

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1 | _____ | 4 | _____ | 7 | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | 5 | _____ | 8 | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | 6 | _____ | 9 | _____ |



Plant Perfection

Plants have key parts that do important jobs to help them grow and thrive.

Use the words from the Word Banks to help you label the tree and the plant.

One has been done for you.

leaves

Word Bank
 trunk
 branch
~~leaves~~
 root

Word Bank
 leaf
 root
 flower
 stem
 sunlight
 water

Matching Meaning

Draw a line from each word to the matching picture.

One has been done for you.

Matching Meaning 1



frost frown treetop drench feast

Matching Meaning 2



printer starlight children flowers lightning

Adventurous Alternatives

It is important to build our vocabulary by learning lots of words, rather than just always using the same ones.

Think of a sentence using the first word. Change that word for the second word, which means something very similar. Then write the sentence down.

big – vast

Vast means wide and long – as far as the eye can see.

Sentence: The bear lives in a vast forest

boring – dull

Dull means something that is not interesting (or a colour that isn't bright).

Sentence: _____

hard – difficult

Difficult means pretty much the same as hard.

Sentence: _____

hot – roasting

Roasting means very hot and dry.

Sentence: _____

cold – chilly

Chilly means cold and wintry.

Sentence: _____