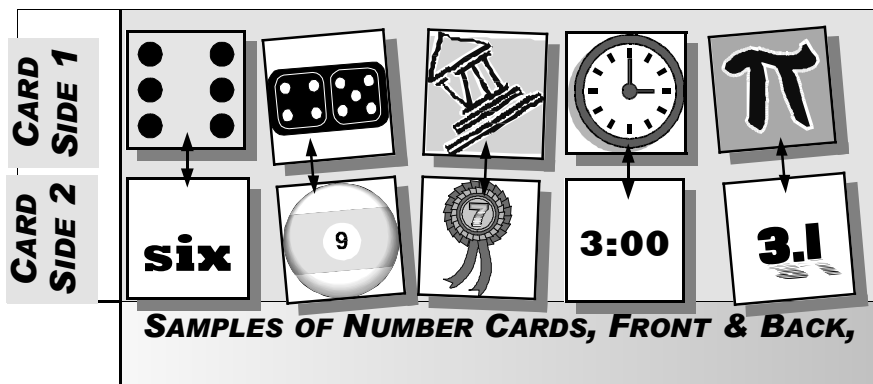


- ♠ Before handing out sets of materials, present a brief introduction that includes the *purpose* of the activity or game. That way, learners are less likely to forget their language-learning goals in the excitement of competition.
- ♣ When “teaching” procedure for each game or activity, do it with a demonstration rather than a “lecture.” After the groups have started playing card games or are doing something else with the materials, you can give them further instructions, rules, and suggestions—as participants become ready for them.
- ♥ Provide appropriate and effective follow-up and reinforcement for each game, each activity, and each set of materials.

"FLASH CARDS"

for Language-Learning & Teaching

CONTENT AREAS. Flash cards for language learning and teaching do not have to be put into matching pairs or sets of four or sequences. Each card can be used separately from the others to learn, teach, review, and/or reinforce one idea or piece of information. On the next pages are language-content areas for which two-sided cards in the “flash card” format might be appropriate or useful. They



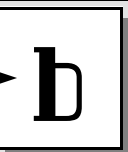
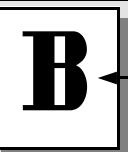
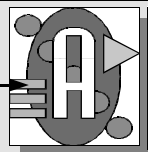
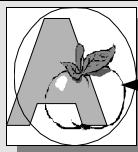
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LITERACY-LEARNING

LANGUAGE-LEARNING "TOPIC"	IMAGES ON CARD FACES	IMAGES, IF ANY, ON THE BACK OF CARDS
Numbers	"Arabic" numerals, like 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.	the same numbers in another form, like roman numerals, the faces of dice or dominoes, words, etc.
Letters of the Alphabet	upper-case letters, either manuscript or cursive	lower-case letters, either manuscript (printing) or cursive (handwriting), or letters in a different
Icons & Symbols	simple "pictures" that are universally recognized	the "meanings" of the icons or symbols, either in words or in other symbols that mean the same thing

BEGINNING LANGUAGE-LEARNING LEVEL

Phonics-Spelling Relationships	phonetic symbols for sounds	the letters and letter combinations that most commonly represent those sounds in the spelling of
Initial or Final Sounds in Words	pictures of common items, animals, etc.	the letters that the words begin with, or end with, or both, perhaps the whole words with the relevant letters underlined
Words (Sight Reading)	printed or handwritten words, including basic signs	pictures representing the words, or the same words in phonetic—or dictionary—symbols
Everyday Signs (Sight Reading)	signs commonly seen on the street, stores, etc.	the meanings of the signs in simpler words or pictures
Basic Vocabulary	simple pictures representing nouns, verbs, or	On each card, one or more common words for the item



SAMPLES OF LETTER CARDS, FRONT & BACK, FROM DIFFERENT OR THE SAME LEARNING DECKS

"Flash Cards

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE-LEARNING LEVEL

LANGUAGE-LEARNING "TOPIC"	IMAGES ON CARD FACES	IMAGES, IF ANY, ON THE BACK OF CARDS
Words to Pronounce	words with possibly difficult or tricky pronunciation	phonetic or dictionary symbols and other special writing or marks that indicate the correct pronunciation
Parts of Speech	words that students are learning, perhaps with pictures	on each card, all the possible parts of speech for that word
Word Meanings (Definitions)	words that students are learning, perhaps with pictures	simple definitions of the words, perhaps from a language-learners' dictionary
Word Usage in Context	phrases with missing words, replaced by blanks	the most likely words for the blanks, perhaps followed by less frequent possibilities
Homophones	words from homophone pairs	words with the same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings
Synonyms or Antonyms	common words or pictures and words	words with the same or similar meanings; words with opposite meanings
Grammatical Forms	(a) singular nouns or (b) base verbs or (c) simple adjectives	(a) noun plurals, (b) verbs with <i>-e/s</i> endings or past tense or past participle forms, or (c) comparatives or superlatives
Questions & Answers	Questions (of any type) about currently relevant material or topics	appropriate answers to the questions

CARD SIDE 2 SIDE

		answer			
			an	What do you _____ for a	What are the four "suits" in a deck of
			a	a	
/wʊd/	noun or verb	a representation of something or someone, usually visual	DO		clubs, diamonds, hearts, and

SAMPLES OF "INTERMEDIATE LEVEL" FLASH