

Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners

Rationale

Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners was originally developed by the Multicultural Programs Unit and Centre for Learning Innovation within the NSW Department of Education and Training in 2009, as a Flash resource. In 2012 the resource was recreated as an App for mobile devices. The App has the same content and navigation as the original resource. Both resources have been primarily designed for sighted users. Based on the feedback from users, future versions may include access to audio only files.

In particular, the resources support English as a second language (ESL), English an additional language (EAL) or English as an additional dialect (EAD) learners. These learners represent a significant and growing percentage of learners in Australian schools may enter school at different ages and stages of schooling and at different stages of English language learning. As outlined in the Australian Curriculum, ESL, EAL/D learners are simultaneously learning a new language as well as the knowledge, understanding and skills related to each curriculum and subject area. The *Picture Dictionary* provides a great support for those needing to see Australian examples and hear commonly used words with an Australian pronunciation.

Features

The *Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners* has 41 screens that enable users to see a picture and hear a sound track in Australian English of words that are frequently used in the classroom and playground as well as other words commonly thought of as survival language. The *Picture Dictionary* is a reference tool for newly arrived ESL students to use at school and at home to support their English language acquisition. The resource can be used individually, in pairs or by small groups under teacher supervision.

Organisation of Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners

The splash screen of the *Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners* allows the user access to six categories, **School**, **People**, **Food**, **Home**, **Australia** and **Vocabulary**, as seen below.



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Categories and sections

Each of the six categories has a number of sections. The number of sections in each category varies. To access a section, tap on the image for that section. For example, to access School Outside in the School category, tap on the image for School Outside. If you cannot see all the sections within a category, tap on the arrow icons in that category to see section images.

School (11 sections)



School Outside

School Inside

Classroom

Computer

Measurement

Shapes and Solids 1



Shapes and Solids 2

Sport 1

Sport 2

Transport

Transport and Communication

People (12 sections)



Family

Footwear

Eyewear

Jewellery

Underwear

Parts of the body 1



Parts of the body 2

Parts of the head 1

Parts of the head 2

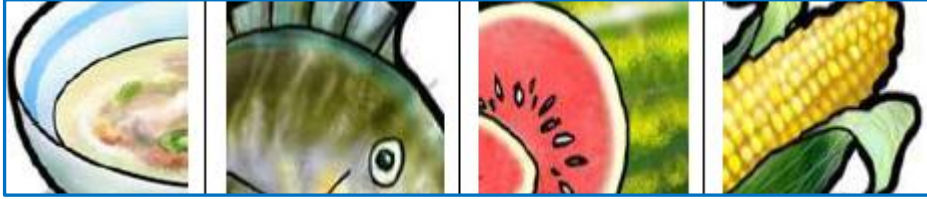
Illness

Medication

Clothing and seasons

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Food (4 sections)



Food

Meat and fish

Fruit

Vegetables

Home (4 sections)



House inside

House outside

Kitchen

Laundry

Australia (5 sections)



Australian animals

Australian birds

Australia

Beach 1

Beach 2

Vocabulary (5 sections)



Common adjectives 1

Common adjectives 2

Common adjectives 3

Preposition of movement – where to?

Preposition of location – where is it?

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Touch the pictures in each section screen for text and audio. Each section screen also has a button for a quiz and a game related to the words in that section. Below is an example from the Australian Animals section.



Accessing the list of words

To see the list of words on the left-hand side, tap on the **Show/Hide Text** button. To hide the list of words, tap on the **Show/Hide Text** button again.



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Back, About, Quiz and Game buttons

The **Back** button takes you back one screen at a time. Touch the **About** button to see instructions about how to use the Picture Dictionary.



After tapping on the **About** button, the instruction will appear as in the example below. To return to the normal screen, tap on the screen in the area outside the text box.



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To access the quiz for a section, tap on the **Quiz** button. Tap on the **Start** button to start the Quiz.



Accessing the Games

To access the memory game, tap on the **Game** button. This starts a memory game in which the user taps on a series of cards in order to reveal a word or picture. The aim of the game is to match each word with its corresponding picture. If the user does not correctly match the word with its picture, the cards are turned back over so that the user has to try to remember which cards have corresponding words and pictures.



When all words and pictures have been correctly matched, the App displays a message about how long it took and provides another chance to play the game. The placement of the pictures and words is randomised so that each game has a different solution. The user may play the game as many times as desired.