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**VOCABULARY NINJA**



# **VOCABULARY NINJA WORKBOOK**



## **Learning at Home**

**Vocabulary activities to support  
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.

**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](http://www.vocabularyninja.co.uk) to download a certificate.