Picture Dictionary

Letters A - Z

Beginning and Ending Sounds
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Teaching Notes

One way to learn about beginning and ending letter sounds is to look at the words in a picture dictionary. This picture dictionary below has pages that show a list of words and pictures for each beginning sound in the alphabet. It also shows a list of words and pictures for the common ending letters. The pictures themselves provide the definition for each word - there are no written definitions.

There are several ways to use the dictionary. It can be used with students who are learning the alphabet. When introducing a new letter of the alphabet, show the student the beginning sound page of words and pictures for that letter. Have the student name each picture and look at the word. Notice that all the words on the page start with the same letter. Listen for the letter sound at the beginning of each word. Even though the student is not yet able to read the words, he will immediately begin to get a sense of how letters are used in words, and also a feel for beginning sounds.

After students have learned the alphabet and mastered beginning sounds, the ending sound pages can be used in the same way, to help students begin to be aware of and recognize ending sounds.

In addition, as new letters are introduced, and students go over the pictures and words on each page, many students will begin to build up a core of sight words. They will start to recognize some of the words on the page, helped by the fact that a picture is right beside it.

The dictionary can also be used with more advance students. Students who have already begun reading just a little will be able to use the book as a spelling reference when doing creative writing. Show the students how to use alphabetical order to find the page with the word they need. Students may also enjoy copying and illustrating words that they like.

The pictures with each letter at the top of the page come for the Sound Story. Each picture in the story represents a sound in our language. Read the story to the students and review the pictures until they remember the sound for each picture. This will help students remember the sounds of the letters in this book and other Sound City Reading materials.
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