

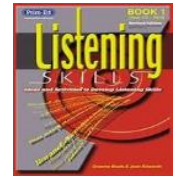
Visual Memory is the ability to remember the characteristics of a given object or form. This skill helps children remember what they read and see by adequately processing information through their short-term memory, from where it is filtered out into the long-term memory.

Pupils who have difficulties in this area may:

- Have problems with learning sight vocabulary
- Have difficulty with letter and number orientation
- Be unable to recall patterns, shapes and designs
- Have spelling difficulties - as they can't recall what the word looks like and what spelling pattern to use
- Won't recall words they have previously read
- Talk themselves through problems to aid recall of information

Top Tips

- Visual memory games can be used as a whole class warm ups.
- Try before you buy. Some visual memory resources are very difficult.
- Have a bank of resources so that you have varying degrees of difficulty.
- Avoid having too many images/busy pictures.
- The PrimEd Listening Skills Books have visual/auditory memory activities
- **ALL ACTIVITIES MUST END WITH SUCCESS !**



Activities to develop visual memory skills

1. Recall picture details - let the pupils look at a picture. Then take the picture away and ask them to recall some of the details. It doesn't have to be a complex or busy picture.
2. What's missing? - show the pupils two similar pictures and ask them identify what is missing from one of the pictures.
3. Kim's game - place some everyday objects on a table. Show them to the pupils for about a minute, then cover them and see how many each can recall. This can also be played by taking one object away and asking the pupils to identify the object that is missing.
4. Pick up the same /Pelmanism - shapes, objects, animals, etc.
5. Recall and sequence 1 - a series of three to four coloured shapes.
6. Recall and sequence 2 - a series of three to four pictures (e.g. everyday situations, life sequences).
7. Recall and sequence 3 - a series of four pictures (telling a story).
8. Ravensburger Memory Games are inexpensive and durable and come in several themed variations but there are also printables online. Orchard Games make versions which help develop other literacy skills eg Slug in a Jug is a matching game which also supports rhyming skills.
9. The Eye Can Learn website also has activities: <http://eyecanlearn.com/perception/memory/>



Apps are brilliant for this especially as the games are fun and the pupils don't think they are learning.

Word of warning – beware of apps that have advertisements !

Memory – Classic

Animals matching

Memory Match

What's Missing

