

Who, What, Where?

A learning and teaching tool for all languages

Learn, practise and build conversational skills in your language.

You can teach the basic words and sentences using the picture cards and then use the poster scenes to ask questions and model answers. Before you know it, your learners are yarning up!

The cards and posters use pictures as prompts, so you don't need to use English at all.

52 colour-coded cards & 2 posters in 5 levels

- Level 1** people, animals, things
- Level 2** actions or doing things
- Level 3** actions in different locations
- Level 4** actions using a tool or instrument
- Level 5** two posters of bush scenes

Who? Ages 3+, individuals or groups.

How? Lay the cards out, one level at a time, starting with Level 1 (yellow). One speaker asks questions and models answers, pointing at the different pictures. Later everyone can ask questions.

The number of things you can talk about in your language increases with each level. If you're not sure where to start, here are some questions you can use. **Always start with saying what's in the picture:** *Here's a dog. The dog is drinking water.*

Level 1

people, animals, things



This is a dog.

- Repeat after me ...
- Point to the dog.
- Where is the dog?
- What is this?
- Is this a dog?
- Is this a fish?
- What do you see?

Level 2

actions or doing things



The dog is drinking water.

- Repeat after me ...
- Point to the dog.
- Point to the water.
- What is the dog drinking?
- What is drinking water?
- What is the dog doing?
- What do you see?

Level 3

actions in different locations



The dog is sitting in the water in the bucket.

- Point to the dog, bucket, water.
- What is sitting in the water?
- Where is the dog sitting?
- What is in the bucket?
- What do you see?

Level 4

actions using a tool or instrument



The man is chopping/cutting the tree with an axe.

- Point to the tree, axe, man.
- What is the man chopping?
- What is the man doing?
- What is the man chopping the tree with?
- Who is chopping the tree with an axe?
- What do you see?

Level 5

two posters of bush scenes



- What is this?
- Where is the ...?
- Is this a ...?
- What can you see?
- How many ... can you see?
- How many ... are sitting?
- Who is eating fish?
- Who is sitting?
- What is on the rock?
- How many men / women / dogs are in the picture?

Posters can be downloaded free from muurrbay.org.au

Remember

The cards include both transitive and intransitive verbs, so remember to use your language's grammar to indicate who is doing the action, and who it is being done to!

Make it your own

Write your language

You can write your language on the back of the cards if you like.

Name it in your language

How do you say *Who, What, Where* in your language? You can name this resource in your language.

Make more cards

This is only a beginning. Add lots of other picture cards and posters to suit your mob, country and lingo.

The cards and posters can be used in any way that you think up. Over to you!

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