

ACTIVITY BOOK

1

American GET READY!

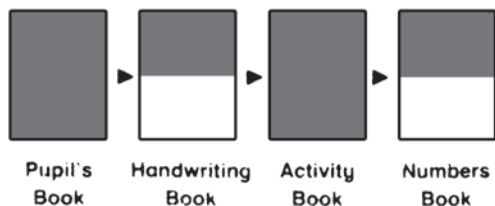


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Notes for the teacher

Get Ready! is a two-level course which aims to give pupils a feel for English and to establish a sound basis for later learning. Activity Book 1 is designed to provide further practice of the language and the skills introduced in Pupil's Book 1 and Handwriting Book 1.

Each level of *Get Ready!* is divided into sixty steps. Each step in the Activity Book is one page and it should not be used until pupils have completed the equivalent steps in the Pupil's Book (one page) and Handwriting Book (half a page). *Get Ready!* also has a Numbers Book for each level. Each Numbers Book is divided into sixty half-page steps intended for use after the equivalent steps in the Activity Book. The sequence for a complete step is therefore as follows:



Oral Work

The Activity Book provides reinforcement of the oral work in the Pupil's Book. There are, for example, 'Say and colour' activities which require pupils to point to pictures and say the words in a left-right sequence (e.g. Step 12). Other 'Say and colour' activities involve pupils in forming simple sentences about pictures (e.g. Step 42).

The Alphabet

The sounds of the letters are taught in the Pupil's Book, using the formula 'a' for apple, 'b' for boy etc. The 'Say the alphabet' exercises in the Activity Book are used to teach the names of the letters (Steps 3–21), gradually building up the alphabet as pupils learn the sounds of new letters through the Pupil's Book.

Reading

There is no 'real' reading in *Get Ready!* 1, but pupils will learn to recognize letters of the alphabet, acquire left-right orientation and be able to recognize some whole words. The Activity Book provides a range of exercises to reinforce this and to associate letters with the initial sounds of words.

Pupils are only expected to read the words in letters in large print. They look like this:

a b c
a red plane

Words in small print are to indicate to the teacher the language the pupils should be using orally. They look like this:

Jack has two balloons

Writing

Activity Book 1 provides opportunities for colouring and drawing. These are important for the development of motor skills. Activity Book 1 also gives pupils extra practice in writing both single letters and whole words. These exercises are carefully matched to the sequence in the Handwriting Book and it is important to use the Activity Book only when the equivalent step in the Handwriting Book has been completed.

The Approach

Although much of the work in the Activity Book has been designed for pupils to do on their own the teacher should always demonstrate first of all on the blackboard, explaining where necessary in the pupils' mother tongue. It is also a good idea to revise the language area being practised. The aim is for pupils to succeed and build up confidence about learning English. This will not happen if they are insecure or if they feel that they are constantly being tested.

Get Ready! Teachers Book 1 provides full notes on how to use each page of Activity Book 1.

STEP 1

Say and colour

Jack



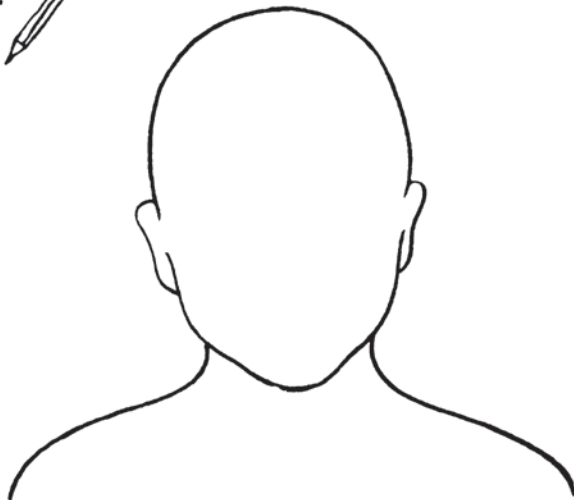
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Draw and colour



Me



STEP 2

Match



a

b



b

b

a

b

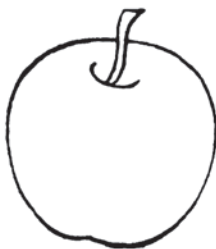
a

b

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Say and colour →



STEP 3

Match

a

c

a

d

b

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a

d

d

c

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d

c

a

d

b

b

d

a

c

Say the alphabet



a

b

c

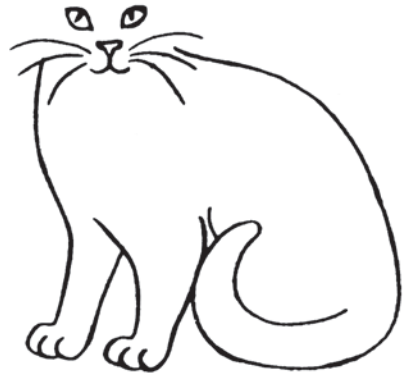
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Draw and colour



a

c

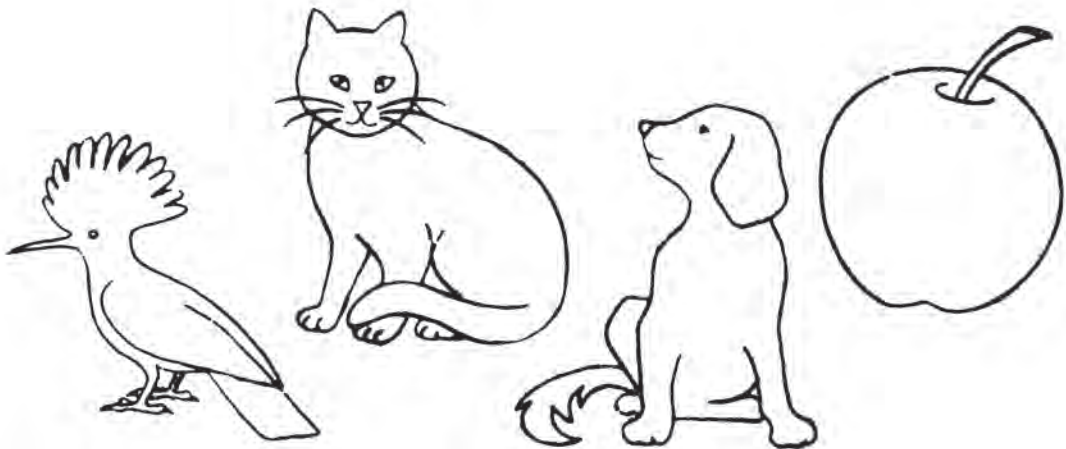


STEP 4

Match

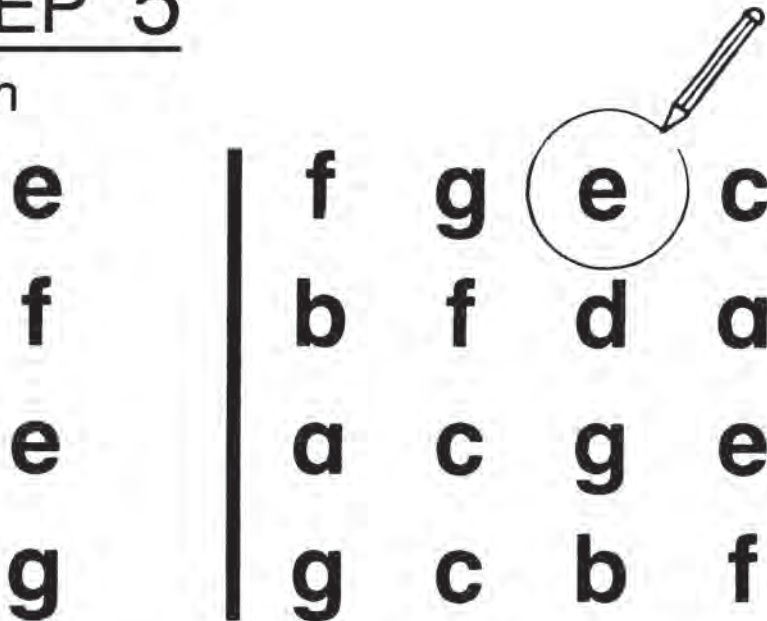
1	3	2	1	3
3	1	3	2	2
2	3	1	3	2
1	2	3	1	3
b	d	d	b	a

Say and colour →



STEP 5

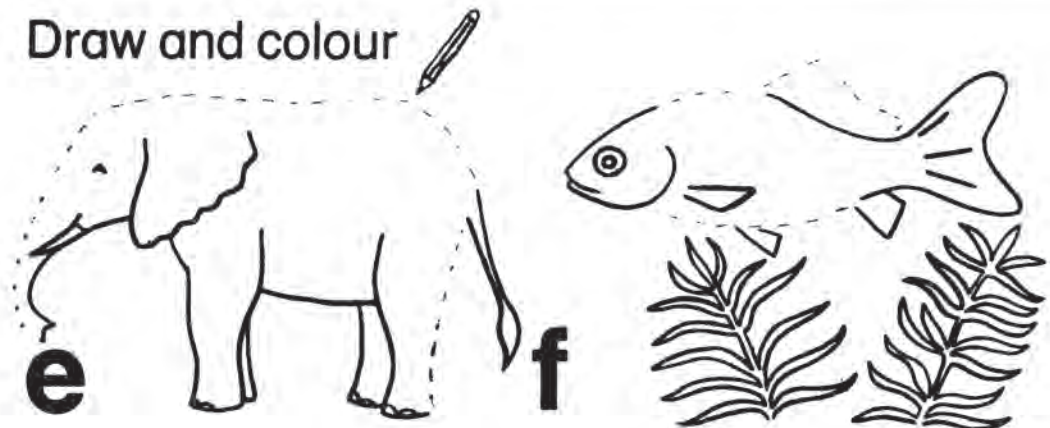
Match



Say the alphabet

→ a b c d e f g

Draw and colour



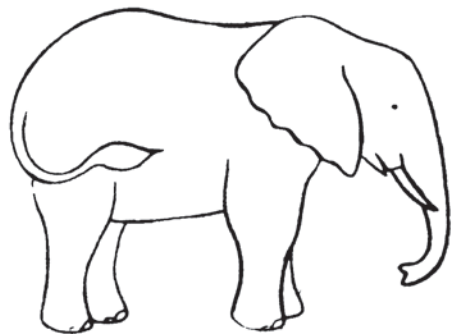
STEP 6

Match



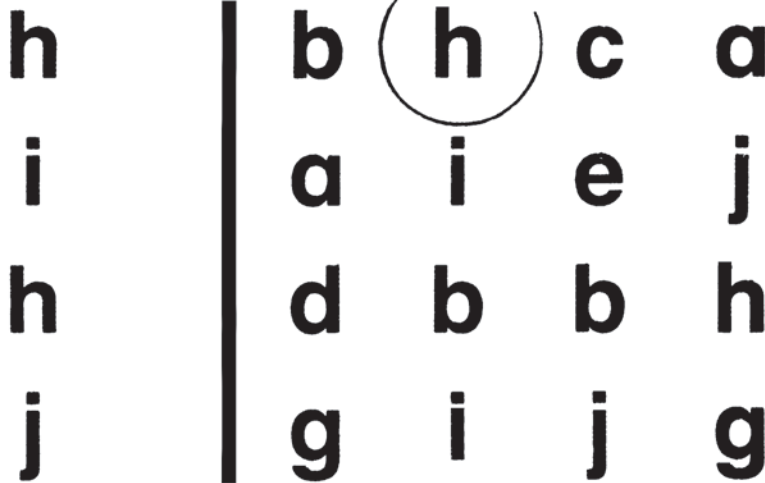
b	d	g	c
e	a	d	g
d	b	a	c
a	e	c	f
f	g	b	a

Say and colour →



STEP 7

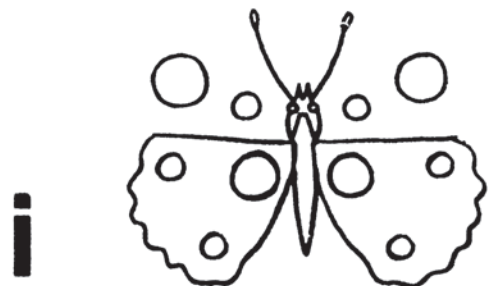
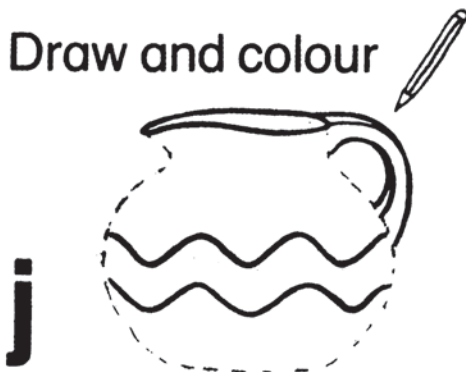
Match



Say the alphabet



Draw and colour



STEP 8

Match



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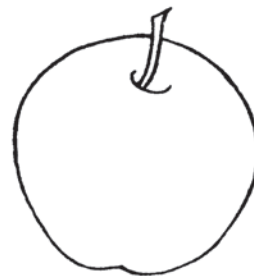
b

i

j

c

Say and colour →

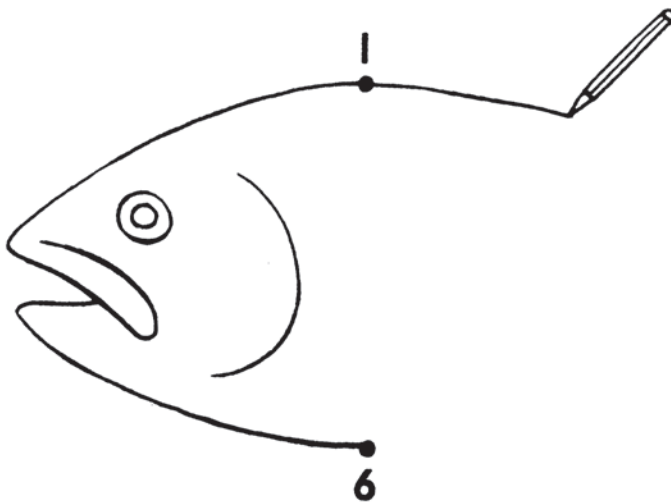


STEP 9

Match

2	6	4	2	3
3	2	5	1	3
6	6	1	5	4
4	3	4	2	1
5	6	4	5	3

Join the numbers



3

2

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American Get Ready! is a lively, two-level course for children who are learning English for the first time. It is based around songs and activities, carefully matched to the interests of young learners, and suitable for use with large or small classes.

American Get Ready! teaches students to say and understand a basic English vocabulary and a small number of useful expressions. It teaches numbers and the letters of the alphabet and introduces students to the early stages of reading and writing.

American Get Ready! is the ideal preparation for very young learners. It gives students that basic knowledge and feeling for English which is the foundation of successful learning.

The core of the course consists of the Student Books and the accompanying Cassettes. An Activity Book, Handwriting Book, and Numbers Book are also available. Each level has a Teacher's Book that provides detailed guidance on how to use the materials.

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