

As well as using Racing to English in 1-1 or small group sessions, the photosets could also be used by a child in the classroom. There are times when teachers need beginner learners of EAL to be able to get on with some work whilst they teach the rest of the class. Here is a suggestion to enable a learner to use the photosets in Racing to English fairly independently:

Ask the learner

1. to “read” the picture dictionary page to someone (teacher, teaching assistant or peer)
2. to match the photo cards to the word cards. Put the picture dictionary page some distance away (e.g. on the teacher’s desk or at other side of room) – so they can go and look at it if they have difficulties but have to remember the spelling rather than just copying it.
3. to write their own wordlist/dictionary using the word cards. For most learners the easiest option is to ask them to write the English word and the translation of that word in their first language. For some learners (especially younger ones), you could ask them to stick the photo and word cards into their own book or you could ask them to write the word and draw the object
4. (if possible) to read the worksheet to someone (teacher, support worker or more advanced learner)
5. to complete worksheet