

About this book

Hide and Speak is a picture word book with a difference. It is 'interactive'. Using special flaps and the tried-and-tested method of 'look, cover and say', it offers a simple but effective way for children to learn over 130 useful words in Irish.

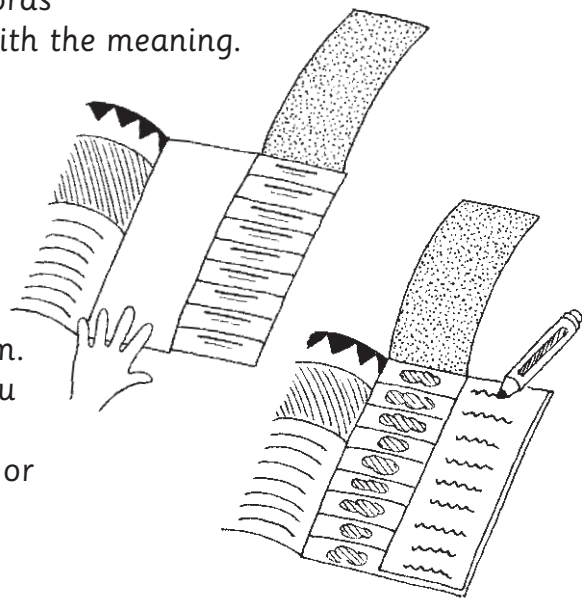
How to use the flaps

Attached to the back cover are two wipe-clean flaps. Use these flaps to cover the words or pictures on the right-hand page of each theme. Here are some ideas for using the flaps to learn the words.

1. Look at the words and pictures. Say the words out loud a few times. The pictures help you with the meaning.

2. Cover the pictures with the left-hand flap. Try to remember what the words mean. Say them out loud.

3. Now lift the left-hand flap and cover the words with the right-hand flap. Use the pictures as a prompt and say the Irish words out loud. You can also try to write them. The surface of the flaps is wipe-clean, so if you use a water-based felt-tip pen or chinagraph pencil, you can rub them off with a soft cloth or tissue and start again.



Pronunciation guide

Under each key word is a simple guide. This is only a first step to correct pronunciation as it cannot be completely accurate.

Read it as if it were standard English. If possible, ask an Irish-speaking person to say the words and sentences correctly for you to repeat them (see next paragraph).

Themed pictures and phrases

The lively pictures on the left-hand pages have scenes illustrating the key words. Under the pictures are easy phrases that contain these words and lots of other simple but useful language. These phrases also help with the meaning of the words. The key words are highlighted in **bold type** in both English and Irish. Use these phrases to build up your language from single words to simple sentences.

Word list

At the back of the book is a complete list of all the key words in Irish and English. They are arranged in the themes and in Irish alphabetical order, so it is easy to check their English meanings.