

Activities

- 1) Alphabet- Have her trace capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet. Find online video of the alphabet song (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4VEsx4ERqE>). Supply several worksheets with the alphabet for her to practice. As her English improves, have her come up with one word for each letter between visits. If she struggles with this, encourage her to use names of people, stores, or streets.
- 2) Calendar and Clock- Label the month, days of the week, and numbers in English. Have her write them in her primary language also, so that she can study the calendar between visits. When you schedule your next visit, ask her to call you to confirm in English. (Example: "See you tomorrow, February 12, at 6:00.")
- 3) Parts of the Body- On a piece of lined paper, list body parts in English (Head, eyes, ears, arm, hands, legs, feet, chest, stomach). As you point to each part of your body, have her write the word in her primary language also, to study. Let her know the importance of knowing these words, in case she ever has to call 911 for an injury.
- 4) CTA Map- Show her where she lives, where Heartland is, etc. Ask her where she goes to the doctor, or where she goes shopping. This can also be used to teach colors. Have her write the colors in her primary language to help her study.
- 5) Items in the Kitchen- Have her list the items in her kitchen on a piece of paper. Ask her to point to each item in her own kitchen, and as she points, say the word in English. Write the word next to hers, and leave enough room for her to practice writing it underneath. This activity can be done in other rooms of the home, in a coffee shop or market, etc.
- 6) Flash Cards- Draw or print pictures of anything that comes up in your conversations frequently (snow, bus, market, tea). On another card, write the word in English. Have her match the picture card with the word card. You can also say the word in English and have her point to the picture, or hold up the picture and ask her to say the word in English.
- 7) Let Her Lead- Ask her to take pictures of things throughout the week that she'd like to learn how to say in English. Use her own ideas to make flash cards, or to practice writing, or to incorporate into conversation. On each visit, ask if she has a goal for the following week. Ask her how you can help her achieve this goal.
- 8) Post-It Notes - Write the words for common items around the apartment onto separate post notes. Practice spelling and reading the words. Ask the student to stick the words onto the correct items.