

# 50 SCATTER SHEETS



ESL ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
TO WARM UP THE CLASS, INTRODUCE A THEME,  
ACTIVATE VOCABULARY AND IMPROVE FLUENCY.

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# 50 Scatter Sheets

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## About this book

The Scatter Sheets in this book are designed to be used as warm up and theme introduction exercises. They can be used as a quick vocabulary review and fluency exercise or the follow-up questions can be used to underpin a longer and deeper lesson. The core skills practiced are fluency and vocabulary activation therefore they are unsuitable for beginner level classes.

## How to use Scatter Sheets

Scatter Sheets are designed to be used as a vocabulary activation exercise. If the vocabulary on the worksheet is totally unfamiliar to the majority of the students then the activity will only cause confusion. If you want to use the Scatter Sheets in this situation, then present the vocabulary items individually to the class before moving on to the describing phase.

Of course there will often be leftover words which are unknown to the whole class and it's the teacher's job to go through these at the end of the exercise.

Give each student a copy of the chosen sheet and give them a few minutes to look at the vocabulary with their neighbour or with a dictionary to see how many words are familiar. Make sure to keep this part short.

Explain that you are going to define a word from the Scatter Sheet and the students must identify it. Describe a word any way you want, for example *it's a type of bird, it hunts at night, there's one in Harry Potter*. If the student's recognise the word *Owl* then they can signal it by shouting out the answer or putting their hand up. If the answer's correct get the students to circle the word *Owl* on their sheets.

Run through the first few examples with stronger students in order to shape some nice example sentences, keep these examples on the board as sentence models.

Students now take it in turns to go through the Scatter Sheet choosing a word which they are comfortable with and describing it to the class. Each word in turn is described and circled until the final words on the sheet are left for the teacher to define.

## Extra Questions

Each Scatter Sheet also has an accompanying sheet of extra exercises. The first section is made up of five relatively simple gap fill sentences to further cement the acquisition of some of the lexical items used. The varied grammatical form of these gap-fill sentences could also be used to trigger interesting avenues of grammar or lexical exploration.

This section is followed by three discussion questions which can be done in pairs, groups or together as a class. Listen carefully during this phase, feed in vocabulary where needed and make notes of interesting output that can be expanded on after the discussion phase.

1.

# The Family

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aunt

brother

cousin

daughter

father

grandchildren

grandmother

mother

nephew

niece

sister

son

stepmother

uncle

wife

husband

mother in-law

brother in-law

great grandfather

half sister

# 1. The Family

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) My brother's daughter is my \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) My wife's father is my \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) My children's children are my \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) My father's sister is my \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) My uncle's children are my \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Who are the youngest and oldest people in your family?
- b) Does your family get together often? Do you get on well together?
- c) Is family important?

2.

## On the Internet

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browser  
scrollbar  
window  
search engine  
checkbox  
form  
field  
tab  
bookmark  
the cloud  
blog  
mobile site  
stream  
e-mail  
podcast  
social network  
URL  
homepage  
comment  
link

## 2.

## On the Internet

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### 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) Facebook, Twitter and Google Plus are all \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) A \_\_\_\_\_ is like a radio show on the internet.
- c) *What's the \_\_\_\_\_?* is another way of asking *what's the web address?*
- d) If you want to save a webpage to read later you can \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- e) One way to backup your files is to save them in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Discussion questions

- a) Are you happy to store important information in the cloud?
- b) Do you listen to any podcasts?
- c) Are you a member of any social networks?

3.

## Websites

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YouTube  
Twitter  
Yahoo  
Facebook  
Google  
Flickr  
Amazon  
eBay  
PayPal  
Wikipedia  
Bing  
Tumblr  
Pinterest  
Reddit  
Blogger  
Baidu  
Instagram  
Wordpress  
Netflix  
Craigslist



### 3.

## Websites

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#### 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is an online auction site.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good source of information on almost anything.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ is the most popular social network in the world.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ is a rival to Google's search engine.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular online payment system.

#### 2. Discussion questions

- a) Which websites do you spend the most time on?
- b) Do you buy much online? Which sites do you use?
- c) Have you ever had a blog? Which blogs do you follow?

# 4. Information Technology

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application

browser

bug

cookie

crash

cursor

driver

FAQ

firewall

font

hardware

click

homepage

cable

software

scanner

spam

virus

delete

password

## 4. Information Technology

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### 1. Complete the sentences:

a) To physically connect one piece of hardware with another, you will need the right

\_\_\_\_\_.

b) *Arial*, *Georgia* and *Verdana* are all types of \_\_\_\_\_.

c) To connect a new piece of hardware to your computer, you often need to install the right

\_\_\_\_\_.

d) Unwanted, unimportant e-mail is often called \_\_\_\_\_.

e) If you have too many programs running, your computer might \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Discussion questions

a) What's your homepage?

b) Can you remember the first computer you owned or used?

c) What do you find frustrating about using computers?

5.

# Jobs

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Lawyer

Software Developer

Politician

Estate Agent

Travel Agent

Scientist

Vet

Nurse

Doctor

Accountant

Lecturer

Actor

Entrepreneur

Graphic Designer

Social Worker

Receptionist

Journalist

Illustrator

Plumber

Decorator

# 5.

# Jobs

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who paints your house.
  
- b) A person who starts new businesses is called an \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- c) An \_\_\_\_\_ 's drawings are often used in books and magazines .
  
- d) You could go to a \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to book a holiday.
  
- e) A \_\_\_\_\_ looks after sick animals.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) What was your first job?
  
- b) What do you like/dislike about your job?
  
- c) What job would you really like to have?

6.

## In the Office

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clock

monitor

laptop

printer

whiteboard

meeting

presentation

canteen

coffee break

lift

reception

calendar

photocopier

filing cabinet

office draw

fax machine

wastepaper basket

shredder

open-plan

boss

## 6.

## In the Office

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### 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) Confidential documents should be disposed of with a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) Hard copies of customer records are often kept in a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- c) If you don't want to take the stairs, you can use the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) Some companies *still* use a \_\_\_\_\_ to send documents.
- e) Office workers often keep their belongings in their \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 2. Discussion questions

- a) Would you rather work in an open plan office or have your own office?
- b) Have you ever worked in an office? Did you like it?
- c) Is there a lot of paperwork in your current or last job?

7.

# Stationery

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stapler

envelope

diary

calendar

folder

hole punch

pencil

paperclip

shredder

stamp

scissors

glue

drawing pin

sticky tape

rubber band

post-it note

notebook

ruler

clipboard

eraser



# 7.

# Stationery

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) Use a pair of \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to cut something out.
- b) If you're going to send a letter, you'll need to put a \_\_\_\_\_ on the envelope.
- c) You can use a \_\_\_\_\_ to attach one document to another.
- d) If you want to draw a straight line, use a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- e) People often use a \_\_\_\_\_ to remind themselves to do something.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Do you carry a notebook? What do you write in it?
- b) What do you use to keep track of your appointments?
- c) Would you describe yourself or your workplace as well organised?

8.

## In the Lab

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test tube  
scientist  
experiment  
result  
invention  
calculation  
physicist  
biologist  
chemistry  
acid  
equipment  
gravity  
equation  
cell  
microscope  
clone  
specimen  
goggles  
ventilator  
fire extinguisher

# 8.

# In the Lab

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is a force that attracts objects to each other.
  
- b) If you are working with dangerous substances, you should wear \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- c)  $E = mc^2$  is Einstein's most famous \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of alkaline.
  
- e) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a device that freshens the air in a room.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) What do you think are the most important inventions of the last ten years?
  
- b) What life-changing inventions or discoveries might be made in the next ten?
  
- c) What scientists or scientific discoveries come from your country?

9.

# Brands

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Google

BMW

Ferrari

Coca Cola

Apple

Samsung

Pepsi

McDonalds

Disney

Sony

Toyota

Mercedes

Gillette

Yves Saint Laurent

Nescafe

Budweiser

L'Oreal

Ikea

Nike

Levis

# 9.

# Brands

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is famous for it's shaving products.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ is well known for it's flat-pack furniture.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ has several large amusement parks around the world.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are great rivals in the soft drinks market.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ is famous for it's denim clothing.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Which brands do you use the most?
- b) Do you prefer branded food products to supermarket's own label products?
- c) What do you think are high-status brands?

10.

# Meetings and Presentations

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slide  
presenter  
attendees  
agenda  
the minutes  
chairperson  
demonstration  
report  
chart  
projector  
powerpoint  
discussion  
argument  
negotiation  
deal  
speech  
prototype  
flipchart  
vote  
confidential

# 10. Meetings and Presentations

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is another word for secret.
- b) If all sides agree they may shake hands and make a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) The people who are present at a meeting are the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Keeping a record of what is said in a meeting is called *taking* \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a diagram which shows information.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) How often do you attend meetings? What percentage are a waste of time?
- b) What do you do if you get bored in a long meeting?
- c) Public speaking is one of people's greatest fears. Is it one of yours?

11.

# Law and Order

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police  
court  
judge  
case  
lawyer  
defendant  
prison  
sentence  
guilty  
innocent  
jury  
under arrest  
witness  
trial  
bail  
suspect  
alibi  
crime  
charge  
evidence



# 11.

# Law and Order

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) The place where cases are heard is called a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) The person in charge of the court is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who saw a crime take place.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ is produced in court to prove whether the defendant is guilty or innocent.
- e) If the defendant is found guilty, they may get a long \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Have you ever been to court?
- b) If you had the power to make something illegal, what would it be?
- c) Is it sometimes ok to break a law?

12.

## Crime and Punishment

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murder

assault

mugger

robbery

death penalty

life sentence

a fine

shoplifter

thief

pickpocket

arson

blackmail

fraud

vandalism

burglar

drug dealer

victim

kidnapping

counterfeiter

identity theft

# 12. Crime and Punishment

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) If you are caught speeding, you may have to pay \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Somebody who makes copies of products or money is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) A person who breaks into a house to steal things is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) In some states of the USA the \_\_\_\_\_ is carried out by electric chair or lethal injection .
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ is when someone pretends to be another person.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Have you ever had anything stolen?
- b) Do you think graffiti is vandalism or art?
- c) What would you do if you saw someone being mugged?

13.

# Money

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wallet  
purse  
banknote  
coin  
credit card  
gift voucher  
change  
bills  
receipt  
currency  
bank account  
cash machine / ATM  
debt  
interest  
loan  
wages  
mortgage  
profit  
deposit  
poor  
valuable

# 13.

# Money

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ are paid by your employer in exchange for your work.
  
- b) The dollar is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the USA
  
- c) If you keep your money in a savings account you will receive \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- d) Instead of money, you might get a \_\_\_\_\_ for your birthday.
  
- e) If you want to rent an apartment you have to put down a \_\_\_\_\_ first.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) How much money are you carrying at the moment?
  
- b) If you had \$100,000 would you put it in a savings account or invest it somewhere else?
  
- c) Do you think people will still use coins and banknotes in 20 years?

14.

## At the Zoo

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giraffe

monkey

crocodile

snake

tortoise

lion

tiger

lizard

rhinoceros

elephant

hippopotamus

wolf

eagle

owl

seal

cheetah

penguin

flamingo

bear

zebra

**1. Complete the sentences:**

a) A \_\_\_\_\_ has a very long neck.

b) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a flightless bird which lives in Antarctica

c) An \_\_\_\_\_ is a bird which hunts at night.

d) A \_\_\_\_\_ is the fastest animal on land.

e) A \_\_\_\_\_ has black and white stripes.

**2. Discussion questions**

a) Does your country have an animal as a national symbol?

b) Do you think animals should be kept in zoos?

c) What's your favourite animal?

15.

# The Countryside

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river

autumn

clouds

landscape

view

hills

stream

bush

reflection

forest

field

lake

path

wildlife

birdsong

sunset

dawn

mist

rainbow

sheep



# 15. The Countryside

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## 1. Complete the sentences:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ could both be described as white and fluffy.
- b) You might see a \_\_\_\_\_ when it stops raining and the sun comes out.
- c) At the end of the day you might see a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) You can have a great \_\_\_\_\_ from the top of a hill or mountain.
- e) Animals, birds, plants and flowers are all examples of an area's \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Discussion questions

- a) Can you remember an amazing view you have seen.
- b) Do you have a favourite plant or flower?
- c) Do you prefer to go for walks in the town or the country?

## Answer Key

- 1 a) niece, b) father in law, c) grandchildren, d) aunt, e) cousins
- 2 a) social networks, b) podcast, c) URL, d) bookmark, e) the cloud
- 3 a) eBay, b) Wikipedia, c) Facebook, d) Bing, PayPal
- 4 a) cable, b) font, c) driver, d) spam, e) crash
- 5 a) decorator, b) entrepreneur, c) illustrator, d) travel agent, e) vet
- 6 a) shredder, b) filing cabinet, c) open plan, d) fax machine, e) office draw
- 7 a) scissors, b) stamp, c) stapler / paperclip, d) ruler, e) post it note
- 8 a) gravity, b) safety goggles, c) equation, d) acid, e) ventilator
- 9 a) Gillette, b) Ikea, c) Disney, d) Coca Cola & Pepsi, e) Levi's
- 10 a) confidential, b) deal, c) attendees, d) the minutes, e) chart
- 11 a) court, b) judge, c) witness, d) evidence, e) prison
- 12 a) fine, b) counterfeiter, c) burglar, d) death penalty, e) identity theft
- 13 a) wages, b) currency, c) interest, d) gift voucher, e) deposit
- 14 a) giraffe, b) penguin, c) owl, d) cheetah, e) zebra
- 15 a) sheep & clouds, b) rainbow, c) sunset, d) view, e) wildlife
- 16 a) submarine, b) lighthouse, c) tanker, d) shark, e) harbour
- 17 a) parachute, b) missile, c) frisbee, d) planets, e) helicopter
- 18 a) motorbike, b) jet ski, c) ferry, d) tank, e) sledge
- 19 a) rear view mirror, b) reverse, c) accelerator, d) speedometer, e) indicator
- 20 a) accommodation, b) passport, c) customs, d) reservation, e) hike
- 21 a) India, b) Scotland, c) Canada, d) Germany, e) Brazil
- 22 a) conditioner, b) razor, c) deodorant, d) towel, e) plug
- 23 a) microwave, b) teaspoon, c) kettle, d) blender, e) oven glove
- 24 a) clothes, b) make-up, c) slippers, d) curtains, e) pillow
- 25 a) kite, b) axe, c) wheelbarrow, d) freezer, e) ladder
- 26 a) greenhouse, b) spade, c) weeds, d) path, e) squirrel
- 27 a) sprint, b) tennis, c) Monopoly, d) pool, e) chess
- 28 a) treadmill, b) trampolining, c) weight lifting, d) gym, e) boxing
- 29 a) DIY, b) drawing, c) pottery, d) calligraphy, e) gardening
- 30 a) cocktail, b) art gallery, c) casino, d) bowling, e) karaoke
- 31 a) queue, b) receipt, c) dairy product, d) special offer, e) out of stock
- 32 a) Jeweller, b) DIY store, c) florist, d) tailor, e) butcher
- 33 a) post box, b) bridge, c) pedestrians, d) traffic warden, e) road sign
- 34 a) stocking, b) carol, c) Boxing Day, d) candle, e) sleigh
- 35 a) Yuri Gagarin, b) Pele, c) Paul McCartney, d) Bob Marley, e) Marilyn Monroe
- 36 a) housewarming, b) stag night, c) engagement, d) Ramadan, e) retirement
- 37 a) safety goggles, b) sandpaper, c) glue, d) drill, e) hammer
- 38 a) balloon, b) toy farm, c) walkie talkies, d) teddy bear, e) rubber duck
- 39 a) shirt, b) suit, c) pyjamas, d) blouse, e) belt
- 40 a) bracelet, b) tie, c) umbrella, d) purse, belt, e) gloves
- 41 a) volume, b) keyboard, c) chorus, d) classical, e) tune up
- 42 a) director, b) plot, c) review, d) documentary, e) trailer
- 43 a) editor, b) advertising, c) quote, d) interview, e) headline
- 44 a) assassination, b) unemployment, c) discovery, d) riot, e) election
- 45 a) dictionary, b) comic book, c) library, d) index, e) non-fiction
- 46 a) drum, b) piano, c) violin, d) accordion, e) double bass
- 47 a) lettuce, b) mushrooms, c) grapefruit, d) peas, e) cherries
- 48 a) tea, b) yoghurt, c) champagne, d) cocktail, e) whisky
- 49 a) popcorn, b) hot dog, c) ice cream, d) quiche, e) doughnut
- 50 a) napkin, b) dessert, c) cutlery, d) tip, e) bill