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## Re-recordable aids for any language, inc ESL<sub>09/11</sub>

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### Re- recordable Aids

*In the language or Special Ed classroom these products comes into their own by establishing links between the written word & their pronunciation. They are suitable for any age, language or level.*

These incredible new products can be used in the classroom to assist language learning in countless ways. They work similar to a Dictaphone to record 10 – 30 seconds of audio (varies from product to product) at each time. This audio can then accompany messages written on the 'write on wipe off' surface in white board marker pens, which can be wiped clean as easily as the recordable message. They encourages student to enjoy speaking & listening activities

#### Recordable Postcard A4 \$19.95 /A3 \$27.95

Messages can be recorded on to the card on the voice recording chip & then pictures or messages can be written on with dry-wipe pens to accompany the audio message. Great for introducing a new topic.

#### 4 Button Recordable Card \$26.95

A4 recordable card with 4 separate recording buttons, ideal to use for helping with phonics, numbers or sequencing. Each button can record for up to 10 secs and each message is played back through an individual playback button. Write on wipe off.

#### Recordable Speech Bubble \$24.95

Student will love putting words into someone else's mouth or imagining what their favourite character might be saying. This aid:

- Forms the focus of listening & speaking activities in the classroom in any language,
- Can be used in displays
- Attaches to pictures & wall displays.
- Encourages student to practice their writing skills & record messages.
- Shows a photo of your display & records some information about it
- Either the student or the teacher can write & record a message, interesting fact or quote on to the speech bubble.
- *Is designed to be used with the Thought Cloud below.*

#### Recordable Thought Cloud A4 \$24.95

Encourage student to practise their writing skills & record messages. Students love putting words into someone else's mouth or imagining what their favourite character is thinking, as opposed to what he is saying... Records up to 10 secs. Write on wipe off surface.

#### Story Sequencer \$66.00

Create talking stories, class timetables or questions and answer games on this recordable bar.

This multi functional learning tool is simple to use. Students or teachers can slot in up to six of their own images or words and then record a corresponding 10 second message per slot, and then just press to play back! Ideal for hanging on the wall and perfect for



sequencing activities eg : the events of the story. Great for special ed students to use as a visual timetable to organise their day.

Bar size: 11.5 x 56cm. Insert size: 7 x 8cm.

### Sound Shuffle \$45.00



Sound Shuffle is a brand new device for creating stories, sequencing and sound effects. Simply enter multiple recordings up to a 4 minutes total time, and these will play back in random for you to piece together your original pattern. Ideal for 'jabberwocky' style stories .Two playback modes which are: sequential and pseudo-random.

Wall mountable. One headphone socket for individual work. Requires 3 x AAA batteries, not included. Size 8.5 x 8.5 x 2.5 cm

### Talking Photo Album A4 \$89.95 / A3 \$94.95

Combine literacy & ICT with this Talking Photo Album. Simply insert your own pictures, cards, worksheets drawings or photographs into the plastic wallets & record up to a 10 second message on every page to support the image / text. The accompanying audio messages can be recorded to be read aloud to the student while they go through the album. Each individual voice message can be played back at any time, simply with a push of a button. Is ideal for any classroom, & can:

- create talking time tables,
- stories or for additional learning support,
- photo sequences
- presentations,
- revealing pictures
- Word recognition



### Easy Speak Microphone \$99.00

With the Easi-Speak MP3 recorder / player you can record voices, sounds or music on the move. Attractively designed as a microphone students can be the roving reporter or singing star, without being attached to a PC.

- Easi-Speak lets you record directly into the microphone
- Playback remotely or download your files straight to your PC through the attached USB
- 128MB built in memory that can record up to 4 hours (high quality sound)
- Downloaded files are WAV or MP3 format
- Audacity Music Editing Software is provided as file on the Easi Speak

- Built in battery charged through USB.

### Sound Station \$115.00

This great audio device lets you connect via the Easi-Speak headphone socket and play back your contents to a group or classroom.

- 6 Headphone sockets turn this into a 'listening post'
- Built in rechargeable battery
- Portable and wireless
- When fully charged battery will last for 2 hours
- Integrated volume control and red LED power indicator

The Sound Station is fully rechargeable and portable with its integrated handle and is ideal for outdoor use. East Speak not included.

### Chatterblock \$66.00

Simply roll the ball on the floor or table to hear the message you have recorded on the side that finishes uppermost messages. Chatter-Block is a great product for creating stories,



sequencing, sound effects and even as a talking dice. There are six recordable sides, each with a clear pocket to add your own pictures or words. Simply record a different message into each side and then activate your recording by either pressing the play button on the relevant side or rolling the ball. Ideal for use with special needs students. Each side can record up to 10 seconds, size of each face is 15 x 15 cm, requires 3 x AA batteries not included.

### Talking-Point \$16.95



This exciting resource records and plays back 10 seconds of sound. Why not use it for talking displays, colour coded question and answer games or taking messages. Available in 5 vibrant colours Has a loud and very clear sound output. Build confidence in reluctant talkers

- Attach to a wall to make talking displays
- Use to record clues for treasure hunts
- Ideal for sending messages with students to other staff or sending home.

### Anybook Reader 15 hour Unit \$75.00, 60 hour Unit \$99.00 Stickers \$29.95

Suitable for first or second language acquisition, the Anybook Reader is an amazing new device that allows you to read to a student without your even being there! The Anybook Reader records up to 15 hours (or 60) of audio, enough for a favourite book, enough for 20!

By affixing a sticker to each page of the book & then activating the sticker with the recordable device, the student can then check the sticker with the device to listen to you reading them the story.

The Anybook Reader can be applied very easily to the classroom, where students can progress independently with aural exercises without following the rest of the class, or indeed groups of students can work together using the device. The Anybook Reader encourages independent learning that a teacher can oversee by preparing the audio content in advance. The advantages for a student's language & pronunciation skills after using this device are endless. Additional packs of stickers are also available separately so that you can use the Anybook Reader again & again.



### Talk Tracker (Assessment tool for teachers) \$175.00

The Talk Tracker is a wireless device which records up to 4 hours of direct speech. It is small and light and easy to use. Files are stored as MP3 or WAV, which are then easily transferred to your computer via USB. Use the Talk Tracker to keep track of how students are progressing with their discussions. Simple to use, this great resource can be placed within a group of children in order to record their conversations. With no other way to assess children's speech development other than physically being with the child, this tool is a great classroom resource, to free up the teacher and also capture children talking more naturally.

-Playback on the device or simply download via USB.

- Inbuilt lithium battery charged through USB.

- Record up to 4 hours of sound.

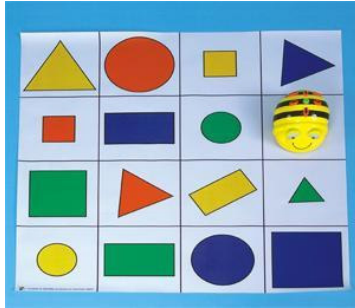
- Use in role play, in debating and for LOTE to listen to the language children are using.

### Bee Bot \$97.00

Award winning programmable floor robot, the Bee-Bot's simple and friendly layout is a perfect starting point for teaching control, directional language and programming. Use him with the House



\$60.00, Shapes/Colour/Size \$45.00 or Busy Street \$60.00 mats. Also available are Snakes and Ladders Mat\$88.00, Alphabet \$77.00 and Transparent Grid \$44.00.



Send Bee-Bot on an adventure around Australia \$45.00 or around the world with this Giant World map \$69.95. Great for helping students identify countries and continents.

#### Teacher Talk:

Do you want to make your *language lessons come alive* and have your students *listen and speak more* but currently have limited resources? The new Talk-Time recordable products are just the trick. You can do almost anything imaginable with them. Use them in *talking displays*. Use them for individual listening tasks by adding pictures, etc. Use the sequencing cards for simple spelling tasks or story sequences. Have your students record their own stories or sentences and they can listen to themselves and others and hear their own oral language.

Use the Talking Points, Big Points and small cards for displays, but also have fun with *treasure hunts* around the room or the school with a new Talking Point or whatever at each clue spot, so when students arrive they can hear the next clue, rather than read it. Use the Talking Photos Album or get the students to draw and then you and/or they can record the language for each page. The text can be added before the recording and read onto the recorder or the students can speak and record and then add the text according to the sentences they use. My kids love using the books once they are made and listen constantly – they feel ownership of the “story” and are keen to use them. This means that they get *more practice and hear spoken language more often*, and that means their oral language improves! Don’t tell them they are working – they think they are just having fun!

Hide things in the Mystery Boxes and give clues so the students have to guess or record the instructions so they have to include certain things in each box. Something as simple as “Put six cows in this blue box” or way more cryptic clues. The kids will love opening the boxes and won’t realize they are learning!

The Easy-Speak is a simple recordable device to have you or students record voice for your SMART Board or PowerPoint and any number of other speaking tasks while the Talk Tracker allows you to record small groups and individuals as they work independently so you can review this later. It also allows them to hear themselves, encouraging them to listen carefully and improve their own oral skills.

My kids of all ages love the recordable bits and pieces we have so far and are keen to use them for listen activities but also to speak. *They are re-recordable* and the message space is only an average of 10 seconds, so they can success easily and rerecords if they aren’t happy with their first efforts. I also am using the materials for *displays in office and libraries to attract parents* to see what we are doing and to hear their kids speaking Italian. It is one of the best ways I have *found of getting them interested in what their kids are doing*. *The cards and other devices are small* and very portable and so can easily be moved from one location to another – for all of us who travel between classes and or schools. They are reusable and always ready and the sound quality is excellent!

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P.S. Once you have taken the advantage of having a wonderful teaching/learning resource before anyone else, *show your early childhood (or special ed.) teachers*. They will love the interactive materials and find hundreds of uses for them themselves. The more people who use our Language Centre Bookshop, the more viable it becomes and so we language teachers will keep our opportunity to be able to see and try things rather than having to buy unseen from interstate and also have someone else on the look out for what is new, saving us hours of time trying to keep up with what’s out there!

(NB As *not all the products that Lynne refers to are as yet readily available in Australia* – do put your name on our mailing list – [language@iinet.net.au](mailto:language@iinet.net.au) – so we can keep you up with the latest as we will have all of these, and more coming later this year.

Also Lynne teaches at 4 country schools with long distances between them, so *small, light and portable are very important attributes* to have and these products have them all! **The Language Centre Bookshop**)

**To receive information about the many new products coming this year, just write to us on [language@iinet.net.au](mailto:language@iinet.net.au) & we’ll do the rest!**