

NEW BUILDING BLOCKS 1 - YEAR 1

UNIT 5

WE LIKE COLOURS

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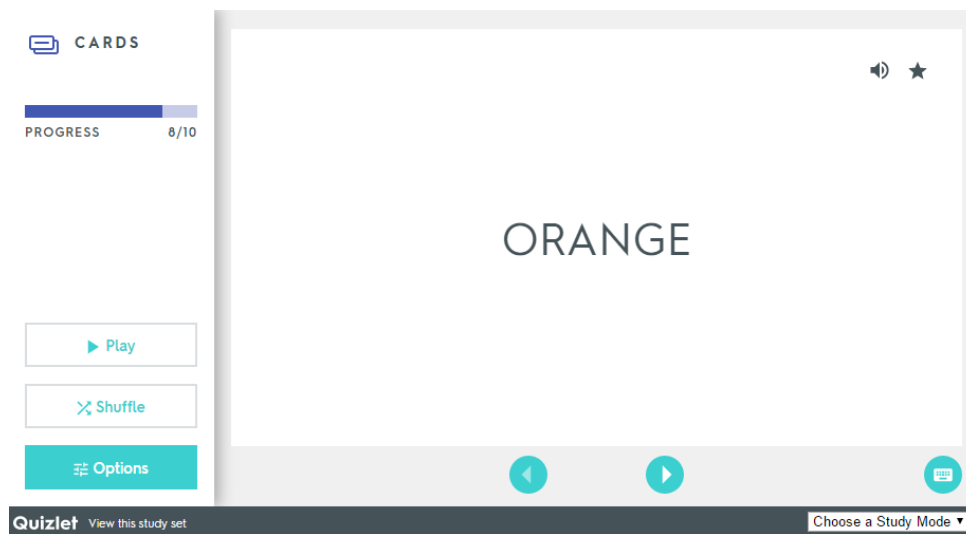
This is a very simple tool for teaching or revising different topics. English teachers are already familiar with the term “flashcards”. This is an online tool which allows you to make your own flashcards and this month you can use [these online flashcards](#) for teaching or revising “Colours”.

Why use it?

- to teach or revise *colours*
- to practise pronunciation of target vocabulary

What skills are developed?

- reading, speaking and listening skills



How is it played?

You just start [the flashcards](#) and you will see the first written word in Croatian. Students have to read the colours in Croatian. Then you click the flashcard to flip, and the students will see/read the English word (translation). Also, you have a possibility to add pronunciation of words as well (in this activity audio is on), which is a great thing for your students to practise on their own at home or in school. When the students read the colour in Croatian, they can say the colour in English and then you click the flashcard to flip and check did your students learn the colours and did they pronounce it well.

Which tool has been used?

This game has been created in Quizlet. Once you've signed up for an account, you can create your own flashcards (with words, sentences, pictures...) or you can search for sets on your topic that have already been made by other teachers.

What do you need to use this activity?

This game can be played as a whole-class activity, or your students can play it in groups, pairs or individually. It depends on the equipment available in your classroom. For this activity you will need a computer, a projector (if your class is big), and an Internet connection. Your students can also use smartphones or tablets. You just need to provide them with a link to this game.

BOOK?	New Building Blocks 1
WHAT?	Colours
HOW?	Read and say the colours in English/ Listen and repeat the colours
WHY?	To teach/revise colours
WHAT WITH?	Flashcards
WHICH TOOL?	Quizlet
WHAT DO I NEED?	A computer and an Internet connection

Target vocabulary:

yellow, green, blue, brown, black, orange, pink, red, white, purple

What else can you do?

It's always a good idea to add some fun activities in your classroom, especially when teaching first graders. This activity is called *Colour game*. I have found it on this [ESL Kids website](#).

Get some pieces of A3 paper and draw a large circle on each paper. Put the circles around the classroom. Model the activity: Say "Green", take a green crayon, walk over to one circle and colour a small part of the circle. Do this for each colour you plan to teach. Then, say a colour ("Green") to a student and s/he should pick up the green crayon and go over to the circle you coloured in green. Let him/her colour it a little and then call him/her back. Continue with other students.