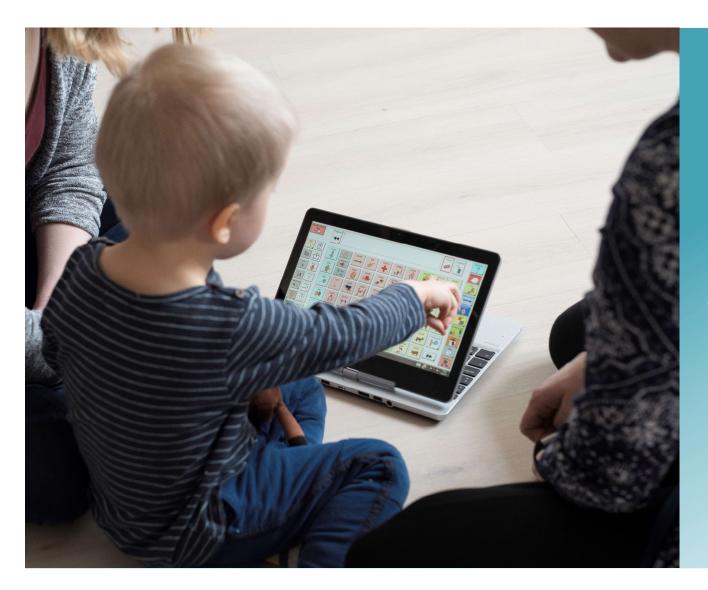




Meet the Kippin Family



"All children have a right to express themselves, their opinions and thoughts, and to be understood with the communication methods they use."

(New Finnish Early Education Plan, first sentence of Children's Rights)

"Interaction skills and the ability to express oneself and understand others have major impacts on identity, functioning and well-being."

(New Finnish Early Education Plan)



"...language is the key to learning. Every child has the right to have as early as possible the communication methods that are essential for learning."

Education councillor Pirjo Koivula, National Board of Education (Kielipolku magazine 3/2012)



The richness and challenges of multiculturality

 Finland has gotten clearly more multicultural during the 21st century

20 % of the children in bigger cities are multicultural

Up to 90% multicultural children in some day cares



More challenges for the daycare personnel

 In almost every daycare group there are children who need extra support with their communication and language development

The daycare personnel is in need of *methods* and *materials* to support these children



• Early intervention *saves money* in the long run



Meet the Kippin Family

Fun and activating practice material to support communication and language skills

A versatile ready-to-use resource material

- **Enables participation** for every child regardless of their language skills
- A variety of games and activities keep children engaged
- Practicing is fun and active repetition without feeling drilled
- Vocabulary focuses on frequent everyday situations

A systematic tool to help professionals

- A comprehensive user guide provides structure for learning
- Tracking progress is made possible
- Children become familiar with the Kippin Family members which makes practicing *continuous*
- Numerous ready-made practice materials and ideas reduce the need for planning time
- Also room for creativity!

Terms of use

- The product and all electronic material included in it may be used in all the groups of the daycare center.
- The product and all electronic material included in it may not be shared with another daycare center.
- A professional may share the material with up to three colleagues.



The material includes

- *Illustrations* of the Kippin family's everyday life (6 pcs)
- **Picture cards** (verbs, nouns, core vocabulary and adjectives for every illustration)
- **Narration cards** (cards depicting details of illustrations)
- Communication boards (one for every illustration and a separate communication board for core vocabulary)
- Muncher characters
- Extras for playing and games
- Manual
- Homework assignments
- Games
- Memory stick (includes all materials in electronic form, except for the everyday activities illustrations)

Illustrations













Picture cards

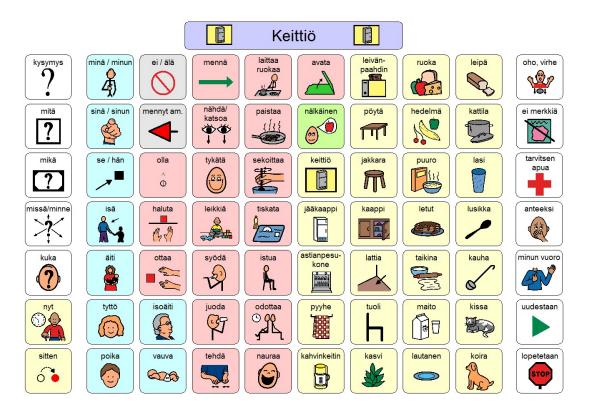




Narration cards



Communication boards



Extras for playing and games

- surprise cards
- movement cards
- flyswatter
- dice
- paper clips
- magnetic fishing rod
- game tokens
- pouch





Muncher characters

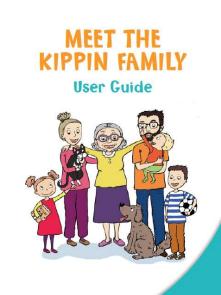






Manual

- Contents of the whole material listed
- Introduction story of the Kippin Family
- Theory basis behind core words and modelling
- 13 practice ideas with specific instructions and goals



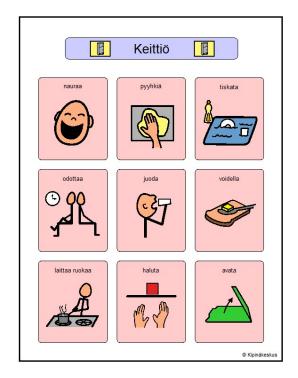
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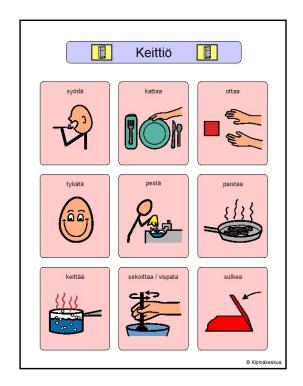
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Matching games





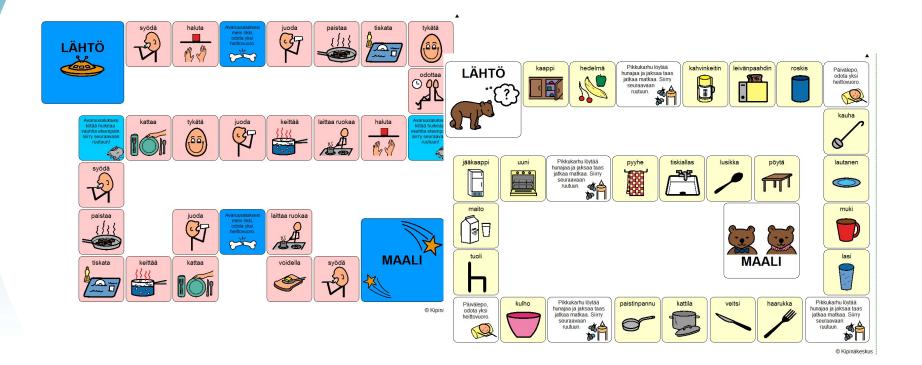
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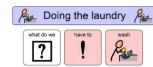
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Board games

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Homework assignments



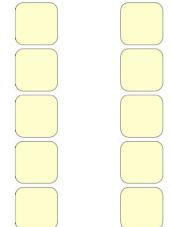
Aim: To practise the verb to have to and clothing vocabulary

What to do: Ask the child to help you do the laundry. Take a look at the laundry basket. What do you have to wash loday? Model verbally for the child how to use the verb to have to in sentences (for example. "do we have to wash the sheets loday?", "do we have to wash the socks today?", "today we have to wash the towels", etc.). Draw pictures of the things you found in the empty squares below.





Aim: To practise food vocabulary and making sentences. What to do: Make a stopping let toplor with the child and decide upon what you need from the grocery store. When making the list, model verbally how to make sentences using food vocabulary (for example, "do we need bread?", do you want apples?", shall we buy milk?" etc. Draw in the empty squares below the foods you need to buy. Take the list with you to the grocery store and practise the words again when



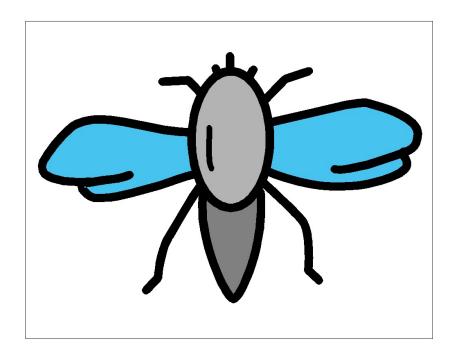
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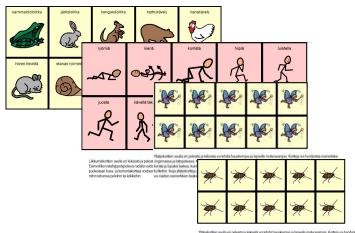
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Extra materials





"Natyskortien avulla en peleista ja inkeista voi lehda hauskempia ja lapselle motivoisampia. Kortinja voi hyddystää esimerikksi origimassa ja lohopeleissä. Korti voista bimia sellasimaan hauskorra ylityiksinä tai mitä voidaan esimerikksi keesta ja poljasi lisäksia, Junikan hoosta jaksita on lohyyni. Cyminissas pienet ylityiskortivo vai laintata kilemmanilla origitavini hui kostehni hooja ylityiskortieja puuleiskasa voi lasta origitavini tai lohopeleissä karitatäiveni kortien puokkoon sellasimaan. Ylityiskor vai midden eijemikkin lastasi vuosikaan hainta hautona oslaleihi in kilekolihin.

Core words

- Core words are the most frequently used words in a language
- Studies show that in most languages, some 350 words make up about 80% of the words we use
 - About the same in all languages and all ages
- Since core words are repeated in our speech to such a large extent, it is important that these words and their use are systematically taught also to children who use communication aids or who are learning a second language
- Modelling gets easier with more core words

Core vocabulary is a slower path but a stronger road

(Carole Zangari)

Setting goals

Supporting language development

Eg. Vocabulary, Building sentences, Descriptive language

Learning to use an AAC aid

 Eg. Using core vocaburaly, Learning to find vocaburaly needed, Navigation skills



Social skills

• Eg. Joining play, peer skills, turn taking



What's in the pouch?

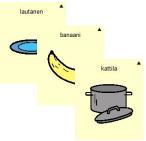
You will need

- Illustration(s)
- Picture cards or narration cards
- Pouch

- Take out the selected illustration(s)
- Pick a narration or a picture card from the pouch and find the corresponding item or activity from the illustration











Swat the Fly

You will need

- Picture or narration cards
- Print flies (USB memory)
- Fly swatter
- Blu tack

- Chosen card are attached to flies and spread around the room
- One player will instruct the others to catch the correct fly by telling them what the fly has eaten







Dice games



You will need

- An illustration
- Game board
- Game tokens
- Number dice

- Print a game board from the memory stick
- Play like a regular game with naming or making little sentences



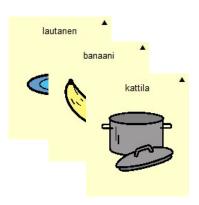
You will need

- Picture cards
- Muncher
- (pouch)

- Choose a muncher
- Name a card and feed it to the muncher







Experiences from our pilot daycare

- Lot of children with poor language skills in our pilot group
 - Playfulness and level of activity has worked really well
- Worked extremely well with children learning a second language
- Positive impact on the children's language skills
 - More courage to use language
 - Longer sentences
 - Improved vocabulary
 - Better language comprehension

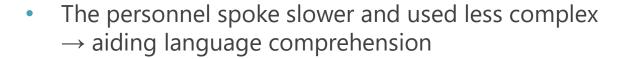


More benefits

- Positive changes in children's self esteem, social skills and inclusion
- Better participation → more diverse play, play situations more equal



More experiences





- Personnel find using the box easy
 - Easy to start using with the help of the manual
- You get more creative with time → adapting the ideas to fit your own group better
- Good to spend enough time around one illustration, even 1 months





300 € (VAT not included)

Having fun with the Kippin Family

- A brand new add-on to Meet the Kippin Family
- Six new illustrations with picture cards, narration cards and communication boards
- More vocabulary: hobbies and activities
- Price 200 € (VAT not included)





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