

Session 31

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Session Title	Word Explorers - Build Your Own Dictionary
Objective	• To introduce the concept of a dictionary in a child-friendly way. • To help children collect, understand, and use new words meaningfully. • To boost vocabulary, sentence formation, and creativity.
Topics/Concept	• Basic vocabulary development • Word meaning and sentence building • Personalized mini-dictionary creation
Material Required	• Flashcards or labeled objects/pictures (e.g., cat, sun, kite, apple, drum) • A4 sheets or small notebooks for each child (dictionary) • Crayons, sketch pens, stickers for decorating • Word examples for teacher: • Jump – To hop up • Giggle – A small laugh • Kite – A flying toy on a string • Sun – The bright light in the sky
Methodology	• Play-based learning using movement, drawing, and storytelling • Hands-on vocabulary building and sentence making • Encouragement through sharing and praise

Session Plan 90 Min

Intro Activity

1. Introduction: Welcome to the World of Words! (15 minutes)

Objective:

Introduce the idea of a dictionary and build interest in vocabulary.

Steps:

Ask:

“What’s the most exciting or funny word you know?”

Explain simply:

“A dictionary is a book that tells us the meanings of words—like a word treasure box!”

Show examples with gestures:

Jump – hop up and down

Clap – show the action

Laugh – make a giggle sound

Use props (e.g., a toy kite) when possible

Main Topic/ Activity

2. Activity: Word Scavenger Hunt (20 minutes)

Objective:

Help children discover new words around them.

Steps:

Place labeled objects or flashcards around the room (e.g., ball, sun, fan, drum).

Say:

“Let’s go on a word hunt! Find a word and bring it back.”

When they return, ask them to:

Say the word

Use it in a sentence (help them if needed)

e.g., “The ball is round.” / “I play with a drum.”

3. Activity: Create Your Mini Dictionary (30 minutes)

Objective:

Encourage children to record new vocabulary in their own creative dictionary.

Steps:

Give each child 3-5 blank pages or a small notebook.

Ask them to decorate the cover with their name and colors.

Inside the dictionary:

Write 5-10 words they found.

For each word:

Write the word (e.g., Sun)

Write the meaning (with teacher's help)

Draw a small picture (e.g., bright yellow circle for sun)

Write one sentence:

"The sun is bright."

Encourage them:

"Make your dictionary colorful with stickers or doodles!"

4. Activity: Share Your Word Creations! (15 minutes)

Objective:

Build confidence and joy in vocabulary usage.

Steps:

Invite each child to show one or two entries from their dictionary.

Applaud each effort:

"What a great sentence!"

"Beautiful drawing! Everyone, clap!"

Expected Learning Outcomes

- Children will learn and retain 5–10 new words.
- They will understand how to use words in simple sentences.
- Their creativity and confidence will grow as they build their own illustrated mini-dictionaries.

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