

3.10 Alphaboxes

Type of activity: Individual.

Activity for final few minutes of class, homework or self study

Levels: A1 and A2

Learning outcome: Students engage with subject textbooks; learn to identify important vocabulary items; record vocabulary for their own use and ensure that they understand the vocabulary selected.

In addition, building a file of language-based work related to each subject topic provides a valuable personal resource to support mainstream subject learning.

Method

1. Students use the relevant subject textbooks to find **one** word beginning with each of the letters of the alphabet and enter it in the appropriate box. (Note: It may not be possible to find a word corresponding to each letter.)
2. Students should focus on important keywords for the topic.
2. The page number on which they found the word should be noted in the box.
3. Students may also wish to insert a note to remind them of the meaning, or write the word in their mother tongue.
4. The sheet should be kept in the student's learning file in the appropriate section as it will provide ongoing support for mainstream subject learning.