

Lesson 21

Vegetables and likes 1



General:

Level:	2 – KOALAS (ages 5-7)
Time:	50 mins - 1 hour 10 mins
Objectives:	Talking about different vegetables, saying what you like and dislike.
Structures:	"I like ~", "I don't like ~".
New vocab:	carrot(s), potato(es), cabbage(s), onion(s), pumpkin(s), corn, radish(es), lettuce(s), farmer, farm, growing.
Review vocab:	fruit vocab.

You will need to download:

Flashcards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit flashcards • Vegetable flashcards
Printables:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable match-up worksheet • Mr. Farmer's vegetables worksheet
Songs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hello Song • Goodbye Song • The weather song • Mr. Farmer's vegetables

These can be downloaded at <https://www.eslkidstuff.com/esl-kids-lesson-plans.html>

You will also need:

- name tags and name cards for each student
- a glove puppet
- a large cloth bag
- plastic fruit or flashcards
- plastic vegetables or flashcards
- real vegetables OR plastic vegetables OR flashcards / pictures for the following: carrot, potato, cabbage, onion, pumpkin, corn (on the cob if possible), radish, lettuce
- 1 basket (for the vegetables)
- 1 blindfold
- Blu-Tack or tape to stick flashcards on the wall
- weather board
- cushions (1 per student)
- CD / Tape player or something to play the song on

Notes:

In this lesson students talk about different types of vegetables and express which food they like and dislike. They sing a new song, play fun games and do a worksheet.

Important note: Before class, try to get some real vegetables – if possible, the following: carrot, potato, cabbage, onion, pumpkin, corn (on the cob if possible), radish, lettuce.

Lesson overview:

Warm up and maintenance:

1. Greetings
2. Name tags
3. Glove puppet greetings
4. Sing "The Hello Song"
5. Homework check
6. Do "Exercise routine" activity
7. Do the "What's in the bag?" activity
8. Sing "The weather song"
9. Talk about the weather outside
10. Use the "Weather board"
11. Play fruit review games

New learning and practice:

1. Play "Find the vegetables"
2. Teach the vegetables vocabulary
3. Play "The missing vegetable" and "Blindfold touch"
4. Play "Musical pass the vegetables"
5. Read and write time
6. Do the "Vegetable match-up" worksheet
7. Sing "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"

Wrap up:

1. Assign homework: "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"
2. Say goodbye to glove puppet
3. Sing "The Goodbye Song"
4. Do "Quick check" and say goodbye

Lesson procedure:

Warm up and maintenance:

1. Greetings

Greet the students by name as they enter the classroom and gesture for them to sit down (on cushions if you have them) in a fan-shape around you.



2. Name tags

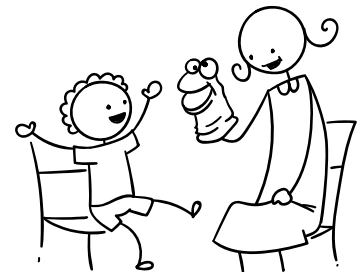
Before class, prepare some blank name tags (stickers or pin-on tags) and some cards, each with a student's name written on clearly – students will use them to copy their names onto their name tags. Sit down with your students and lay out the name cards in front of you. Pick up each card and encourage the student to recognize his/her name. Do this for everyone.



Finally, have everyone take out a crayon or pencil and copy their name on their tags and stick them on.

3. Glove puppet greetings

Bring out your glove puppet bag and have everyone shout "Hello!" into the bag until he wakes up and jumps out of the bag. Then model chatting with the glove puppet ...



Puppet: "Hello", What's your name?"

Teacher: "My name is..."

Puppet: "How are you?"

Teacher: "I'm fine, thank you".

Puppet: "How old are you?"

Teacher: "I'm ...".

... and then have the puppet say hello to each student and ask them the same questions, including their age.

Finally, go around saying "Goodbye" and "See you" before going back into the bag and back to sleep.

4. Sing "The Hello Song"

Sit in a circle and sing the song (clap along or pat knees).

Lyrics for "The Hello Song"

Hello, hello,
How are you today?
Hello, hello,
How are you today?

I'm fine, thank you,
I'm fine, thank you,
I'm fine, thank you,
And how about you?

Hello, hello,
How are you today?
I'm fine, thank you,
And how about you?

Gestures for "The Hello Song"

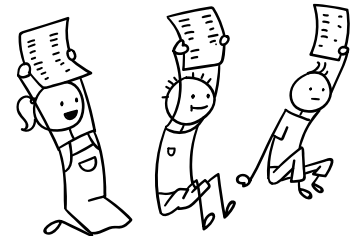
Sit in a circle and listen to the song (clap along or pat knees).

- Wave as you sing the "Hello, hello" parts.
- Gesture to others as you sing "How are you today?"
- Point to yourself as you sing "I'm fine, thank you"
- Hand gesture towards another student as you sing "And how about you?".



5. Homework check

Check each student's homework that you set in the last lesson. Ask each student some questions about the scenes on their homework worksheet (e.g. "What's this?", "Is this a t-shirt?", etc.), give lots of praise, and then put some kind of mark on the homework sheet (e.g. a sticker, a stamp or draw a smiley face).

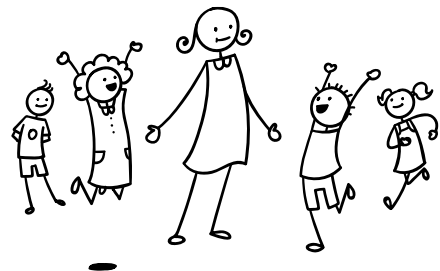


Finally, tell your students to put their homework back into their bags.

6. Do "Exercise routine" activity

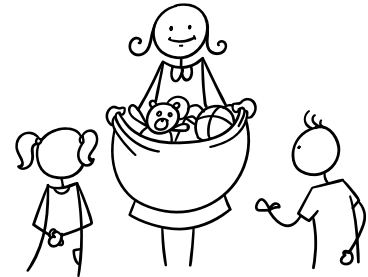
Say the following and have the students follow your lead:

"Stand up (T stands and so does everyone else)
"Hands up / hands down" (up to 10 times)
"Jump" (up to 10 times)
"Kick (up to 10 times)
"Run! / Stop!" (up to 10 times)
"Turn around! / Stop!" (up to 10 times)
"Wiggle!" (a few seconds)
finally "Sit down".



7. Do the "What's in the bag?" activity

Before class, put a couple of new objects (e.g. a crayon, a plastic bottle, a sock, a paper cup, a leaf, a ball, a teddy, etc. - anything lying around (and safe!)) into the bag.



Show the bag to your students, shake it to rattle the objects inside, and ask, "What's in the bag?"


Randomly pull out different objects and teach/ elicit the words – in each case, have students hold and pass the objects around. You can even have students pull the objects out of the bag instead of you taking them out – with eyes closed to make it fun!

Finally, place/throw the objects around the classroom and have each student retrieve an object as you call out its name and put it back in the bag.

8. Sing "The weather song"

Time for the weather section of the lesson! Put the weather flashcards on the board in the order of the song (or use our Weather song poster). Have all the students stand up and watch you as you sing along and use the gestures. Encourage them to join in and sing along.

Lyrics for "The Weather Song"	Gestures for "The Weather Song"
<p>Verse 1: How's the weather? How's the weather? Look outside. How's the weather? How's the weather? Look outside.</p> <p>It's sunny, it's rainy, it's windy, it's cloudy. It's snowy, it's foggy, it's hot, it's cold.</p> <p>Verse 2: How's the weather? How's the weather? Look outside. How's the weather? How's the weather? Look outside.</p> <p>It's sunny, it's rainy, it's windy, it's cloudy. It's snowy, it's foggy, it's hot, it's cold.</p>	<p>There are some easy gestures you can do as you sing along to the song:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the question part "How's the weather?", sing along and do the 'palms of the hands up' question gesture. For the "Look outside" part, face the window and put your hand over your eyes (like a salute), as if you were looking into the distance. Use hand gestures for the weather words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sunny: slowly spread your arms out rainy: wiggle your fingers downwards like rain windy: gesture wind blowing out of your mouth cloudy: make cloudy shapes with your hands snowy: wiggle your fingers downwards like snow and shiver foggy: close your eyes and put your hand



"It's sunny"

out in front like you are trying to feel for something you can't see

- hot: fan your face
- cold: shiver and wrap your arms around your body

9. Talk about the weather outside

Motion for your students to come over to the window (or even outside). Say, "How's the weather? Look outside". Elicit the weather from the words they learned in the last lessons (It's sunny / cloudy / windy / rainy / snowy / foggy / hot / cold).

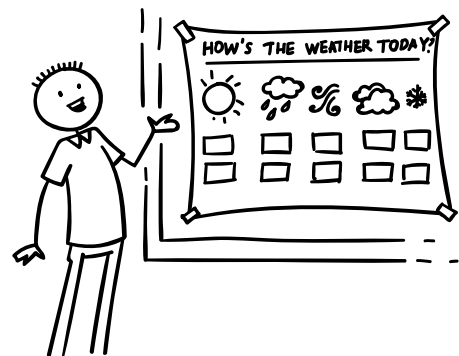


Depending on weather conditions, you can introduce more weather words, such as:

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| • stormy | • warm | • humid | • drizzly |
| • misty | • cool | • frosty | |
| • showery | • freezing | • icy | |

10. Use the "Weather board"

Use the weather board that you created in the previous class. Invite some students to come up and put weather pictures for today's weather on the board. Make sure they say the word as they put the card on the board.



If you introduced any new weather words as you were talking about the weather just now, add these pictures to your board – you can either draw them there and then or prepare the pictures before class.

11. Play fruit review games

In today's lesson your students are going to express their likes and dislikes for different food, so let's start by reviewing fruit from previous lesson.

You'll need plastic fruit or flashcards for the following: apple, banana, grapes, orange, melon, pineapple, lemon, strawberry – put them in a bag or box. If you have other plastic fruits, feel free to add these to the bag to teach new words.

Sit everyone in a circle on the floor and slowly pull each fruit out of the bag – each time elicit the fruit word. Have students take pretend bites out of each fruit and get them saying, "Yummy, yuk, I like ~, I don't like ~. Then, pass the fruit around the circle having students say the fruit words as they pass them around.



Next, play "What's missing?" - put the fruit in the middle of the circle and get everyone to close their eyes. Take a fruit away and say, "Open your eyes!". Students have to shout out the missing fruit. Continue for all the fruit.

Finally, play "Fetch the fruit". Throw the plastic fruits (or place the flashcards) around the classroom and then ask individual students to fetch and give you a fruit.

If your students need the extra practice, feel free to play more fruit review games, such as the "Fruit wall touch" game and the "Fruit rope jump" game.

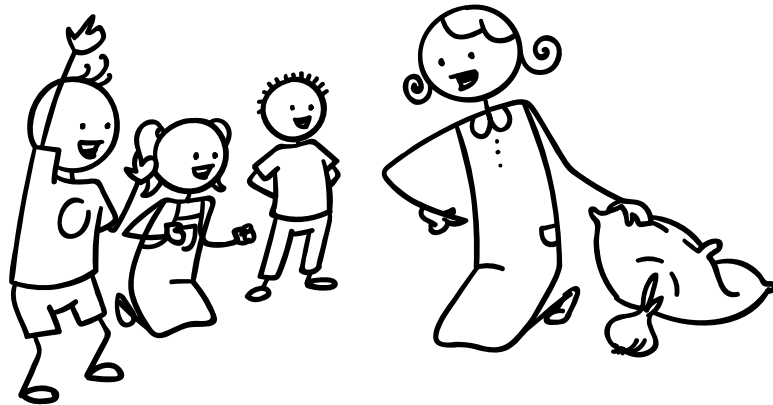
New learning and practice:

1. Play "Find the vegetables"

If possible, before class buy one of each of the following vegetables (and some others if you like): a carrot, a potato, a cabbage, an onion, a pumpkin, corn (on the cob if possible), a radish, a lettuce. If you can't bring vegetables into class, other options are: plastic vegetables (sometimes available at dollar stores and toy stores), vegetable flashcards and vegetable photos cut out of free supermarket magazines. Also, bring in a basket for the vegetables.

Before your students enter your classroom hide the vegetables all around the room – in draws, behind books, under things, etc. Once you are ready to begin the main part of your lesson, have everyone sit down and say to your students, "Let's look for some vegetables!".

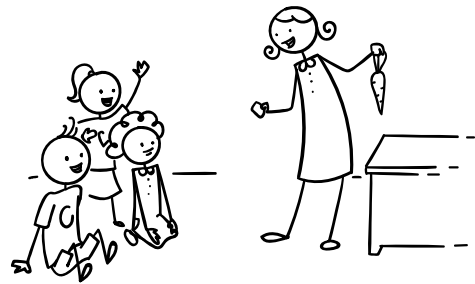
Then stand up and demonstrate that you are searching for something. Find one of the vegetables (e.g. under a cushion) and show your thrill in doing so. Take it over to the basket and drop it in saying, "Put it in the basket". Then get everyone to hunt around the room until all the vegetables have been found and placed in the basket.



2. Teach the vegetables vocabulary

Hold up the first vegetable from the previous activity (e.g. carrot) and elicit/chorus the word x3.

Then pass the vegetable around the class, each student saying its name, taking a pretend bite and saying "Yummy/Yuk", "I like / don't like (carrots)". Do the same for the rest of the vegetables.



3. Play "The missing vegetable" and "Blindfold touch"

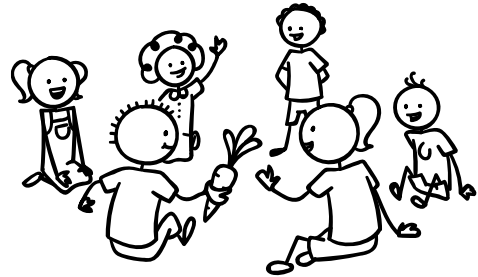
Line all the vegetables up on a desk. Say, "Close your eyes" and get everyone to cover and close their eyes. Take away one of the vegetables and hide it behind your back – everyone must open their eyes and shout out the missing vegetable. Play this until all the vegetables vocabulary has been practiced.

Keep the vegetables lined up on the desk. Take out a blindfold and model the activity – put on the blindfold then touch and feel one of the vegetables. Look confused and say the wrong word (e.g. touch a cabbage and say, "Is it a carrot?"). Get the students to help you until you guess correctly. Then blindfold one student, turn him/her around 3 times and help him/her to go to the desk and touch/feel one vegetable and say what it is. Give all the students a go.



4. Play "Musical pass the vegetables"

Sit everyone in a circle, put on some music, and have everyone pass all the vegetables around the circle (in the same direction). So the music will be playing and all your vegetables will be going around the circle.



Suddenly stop the music – the students holding the vegetables must shout out the name of the vegetable they are holding. The last person to shout out the correct word is out (and also remove their vegetable).

Keep playing, with each round the last person going out. You should end up with just 2 students passing two vegetables back and forth. It's a really fun game – you can play a few rounds if you have time!

5. Read and write time

This segment can be part of all your lessons. Spend 10 to 15 minutes building up your students' writing and reading skills. You'll need to assess your students' reading/writing level and then choose to start at one of the following stages:



1. Beginners: students cannot read or write the alphabet.

Each lesson introduce 3 lower-case letters of the alphabet (first lesson will be a, b, c). Use flashcards to do this. Play alphabet games and do printing worksheets. **See our 'Alphabet a-z (lowercase)' mini-lesson plan for full details.**

2. Early starters: students have experience with the alphabet but need phonics practice.

Each lesson introduce 5 lower-case letters of the alphabet (first lesson will be a, b, c, d, e). Use flashcards to do this. Start by working on the sounds of the letters and then move onto letter clusters (e.g. sh, ee, etc). **See our 'Alphabet' and 'Letter clusters' mini-lesson plan for full details.**

3. Early readers.

Work on reading and writing simple sentences with lots of practice activities. **See our 'Early reading' mini-lesson plan for full details.**

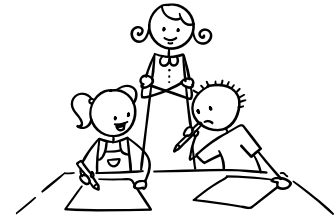
4. Elementary readers: students can read and write simple sentences well.

Work on reading and writing short texts and stories. **See our 'Reading short texts' mini-lessons for full details.**

6. Do the "Vegetable match-up" worksheet

Give out the worksheets and model first: point to the cabbage, elicit the word, color it in and say, "Where is the other cabbage?". Get your students to point to the other cabbage –

then draw a line to match them up. Do for a couple more vegetables so that everyone understands what to do. Circulate as your students are doing their worksheets, ask lots of questions (e.g. "Do you like cabbages?") and give lots of praise.



At the end, do a quick check – ask each student to point to a food item on their worksheet and say a sentence (e.g., "I don't like corn").

7. Sing "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"

Prepare for the song by taking out the flashcards of the vegetables. Show each one in the order of the song (so carrot first, potato next, etc.) and stick each one on the walls of the classroom. Try and get it so that the cards are evenly distributed around the walls (still in the order of the song) so you will have to turn 360 degrees to look at all the cards. Alternatively, you can use the song poster.

Get everyone to stand up and dance, sing and point to the vegetables (as described in Gestures for "Mr. Farmer's vegetables" below).

Lyrics for "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"

Chorus:

Oh, Mr. farmer, what are you growing?
On your farm, on your farm.
Oh, Mr. farmer, tell us what you're growing,
On your farm, on your farm.

Verse 1:

I am growing carrots, carrots,
I am growing potatoes, potatoes,
I am growing cabbages, cabbages,
I am growing onions, onions.

Chorus:

Oh, Mr. farmer, what are you growing?
On your farm, on your farm.
Oh, Mr. farmer, tell us what you're growing,
On your farm, on your farm.

Verse 2:

I am growing pumpkins, pumpkins,
I am growing corn, corn,
I am growing radish, radish,
I am growing lettuce, lettuce.

Gestures for "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"

Before playing the song, put flashcards of the vegetables all around the walls of the classroom (in the same order of the song). Then start the song and do the following gestures:

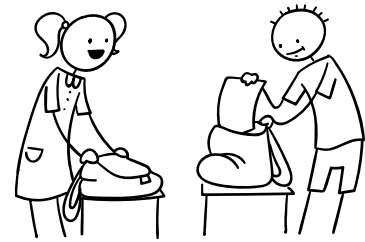
- During the chorus have everyone do the cowboy dance – thumbs in belt hoops and kicking your legs out in time with the music.
- For the verses point to each of the vegetable flashcards on the wall.



Wrap up:

1. Assign homework: "Mr. Farmer's vegetables"

Hold up the homework worksheet – this is a fun coloring activity to follow the song. Model coloring in the vegetables by asking students what color they are, "What are these? Ok, what color are carrots?". Do this for 3 or 4 vegetables.



Have students choose the worksheet they want and say, "Put your homework in your bags" and help them to do so - this is important as they will probably want to start working on them right away.

2. Say goodbye to glove puppet

Take out the bag again and get everyone to wake up the glove puppet by shouting its name into the bag (e.g. "Cookie Monster!"). Bring out the puppet and go through the same routine - go to each student and say hello, ask their name and the say goodbye / see you.



Then put the puppet back in the bag (back to sleep).

3. Sing "The Goodbye Song"

Sit together in a circle and sing and clap along.

Lyrics for "The Goodbye Song"

Goodbye, goodbye,
See you again.
Goodbye, goodbye,
See you again.

It's time to go,
It's time to go,
It's time to go,
See you next time.

Goodbye, goodbye,
See you again.
It's time to go,
See you next time.



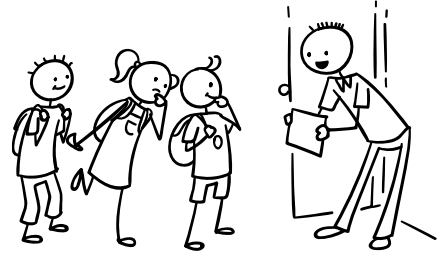
Gestures for "The Goodbye Song"

Have everyone do the gestures with you.

- Wave as you sing the "Goodbye, goodbye" parts.
- Hold your hand above your eyes (as you would when you are looking into the distance and keeping the sun out of your eyes) and look at another student as you sing "See you again".
- Tap watch (or imaginary watch) and then point to the door as you sing "It's time to go".
- Point towards another student as you sing "See you next time".

4. Do "Quick check" and say goodbye

Time to leave the class. Make sure everything is put away and the students have gathered their belongings. Have them line up at the door and place yourself between the door and the students.



For each student hold up a vegetable (or use flashcards) and ask, "What's this?" and also get them to say if they like it or not. When they respond correctly say goodbye and let them leave. If they make a mistake, have them go back to the end of the line - they will have to try again once they reach the front!

- All flashcards, worksheets, craft sheets, readers and songs used in this lesson plan can be downloaded at eslkidstuff.com/esl-kids-lesson-plans.html
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