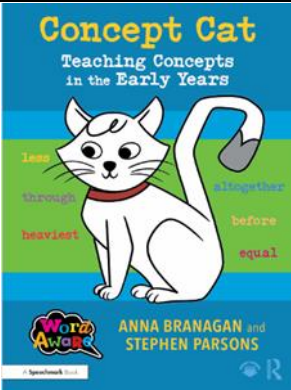


Helping with understanding and using conceptual vocabulary

User guide: Concept Cat

<p>The intervention</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Whole class teaching: a blend of explicit and implicit teaching for Nursery and Reception, using multisensory strategies such as songs, story and play.</p>
<p>Where to find it?</p> <p>How much does it cost?</p>	<p>Concept Cat: Teaching Concepts in the Early Years - 1st Edition -</p> <p>The cost of the resource is £39.99.</p>
<p>What does it target?</p>	<p>The resource focuses on teaching concepts to nursery and reception aged children. 150 different concepts are included.</p>
<p>Who is it for?</p>	<p>The resource was developed for teaching children in nursery/reception</p>
<p>What is it?</p>	<p>Concept Cat is a structured process for teaching conceptual vocabulary that has been developed by experienced speech and language therapists, Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan by working with thousands of schools, teachers and educational practitioners over many years. Concept Cat builds on the ideas introduced in Word Aware 2 (teaching vocabulary in the early years) but focuses solely on teaching concepts.</p>
<p>How does it work?</p>	<p>Vocabulary is taught in a structured and engaging manner with explicit teaching of vocabulary followed by implicit teaching in play-based learning. The resource provides:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A step-by-step guide to teaching 150 different concepts, using songs, stories and play-based activities • A whole-class approach, which is accessible for a wide range of children, including those with limited language • Guidance and resources for working with families to effectively support children's learning • Accompanying downloadable resources, including printable symbols of each concept, for immediate use in the classroom.
Who can deliver it?	Teaching assistant or teacher.
How long does it take?	The intervention program is designed to be implemented over a school year.
What resources do I need?	<p>The programme provides session plans and resources. You'll need a cat, a puppet and a word bag. You can buy resource packages on the website (additional cost) if preferred.</p> <p>The book outlines 5 Steps to quality, which are the five elements used in the Education Endowment Foundation trial. The more elements used, the greater the impact on children's learning. (NB extra costs for step 2-5)</p> <p>Step 1: Concept Cat book and videos Step 2: training (on demand, online for staff) Step 3: Word Aware Concepts assessment Step 4: Resources (self-made or can purchase from the website) Step 5: Coaching</p>
How do I show progress?	The book has advice/recommendations for measuring impact
Additional resources	For an overview of the resource there is a free video, and information on costs of training and concept assessment here: Concept Cat – Thinking Talking
Evidence base	EEF trial of Concept Cat: progress in concepts and maths . Early Years Pupil Premium children made accelerated progress . Search 'EEF Concept Cat' to read the report