

# SIGNS AROUND US

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Set 3 – 80 words

## Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Discuss the signs children see in their neighbourhood. Share a collection of pictures of signs. Discuss what each sign tells people and discuss its distinguishing features. Create a chart of pictures of common signs (e.g., a stop sign). What do the children notice about the signs (e.g., size, shape, color)? Why do we need signs?



Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children's attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

## Discussion – Book Talk

What reading strategy did you use when you came to a difficult word?

What signs did the boy see? If the signs mentioned in the book are not included on the chart created earlier, take this opportunity to add them.

## Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- try to remember all the signs in the school. Then tour the school to see how many signs they remembered. Record what each sign says.
- match the words to the appropriate signs on the reproducible master.
- go for a walk in the neighbourhood and take pictures of signs with a Polaroid or digital camera. Use the photographs to create a class big book and write a sentence under each photo.
- create a mural of the neighbourhood and include signs.
- invent new signs that would improve the school or neighbourhood. What information would be on the sign? What words? What pictures?

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	for, this, too	Practice writing these words on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>g</i> — go <i>Th</i> — This, the, this	Write the letter <i>n</i> in the air with a finger while saying the sound.
Rhymes and Word Families	street, feet, meet stop, hop, mop, pop house, mouse	Use onset and rime cards to put together and take apart words containing the rimes <i>eet</i> , <i>op</i> , and <i>ouse</i> .
Compound Words	crosswalk	Find the word “walk” in crosswalk.

# Reproducible Master - Signs Around Us

Match the words with the correct sign.

Stop sign



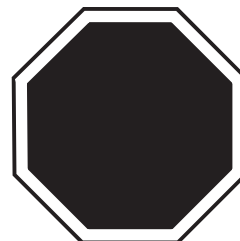
Bus stop



School crossing



One way



Walk



Don't walk

