

GEO SAFARI[®] Smart TALK[™]



What is Smart Talk?

Smart Talk is an interactive electronic learning aid that develops English vocabulary and communication skills. Smart Talk teaches 450 general and academic vocabulary words including people, places, things, actions, opposites, colors, shapes, numbers, and so much more. Smart Talk is perfect for ELL, special education, and early-intervention programs.

How does Smart Talk work?

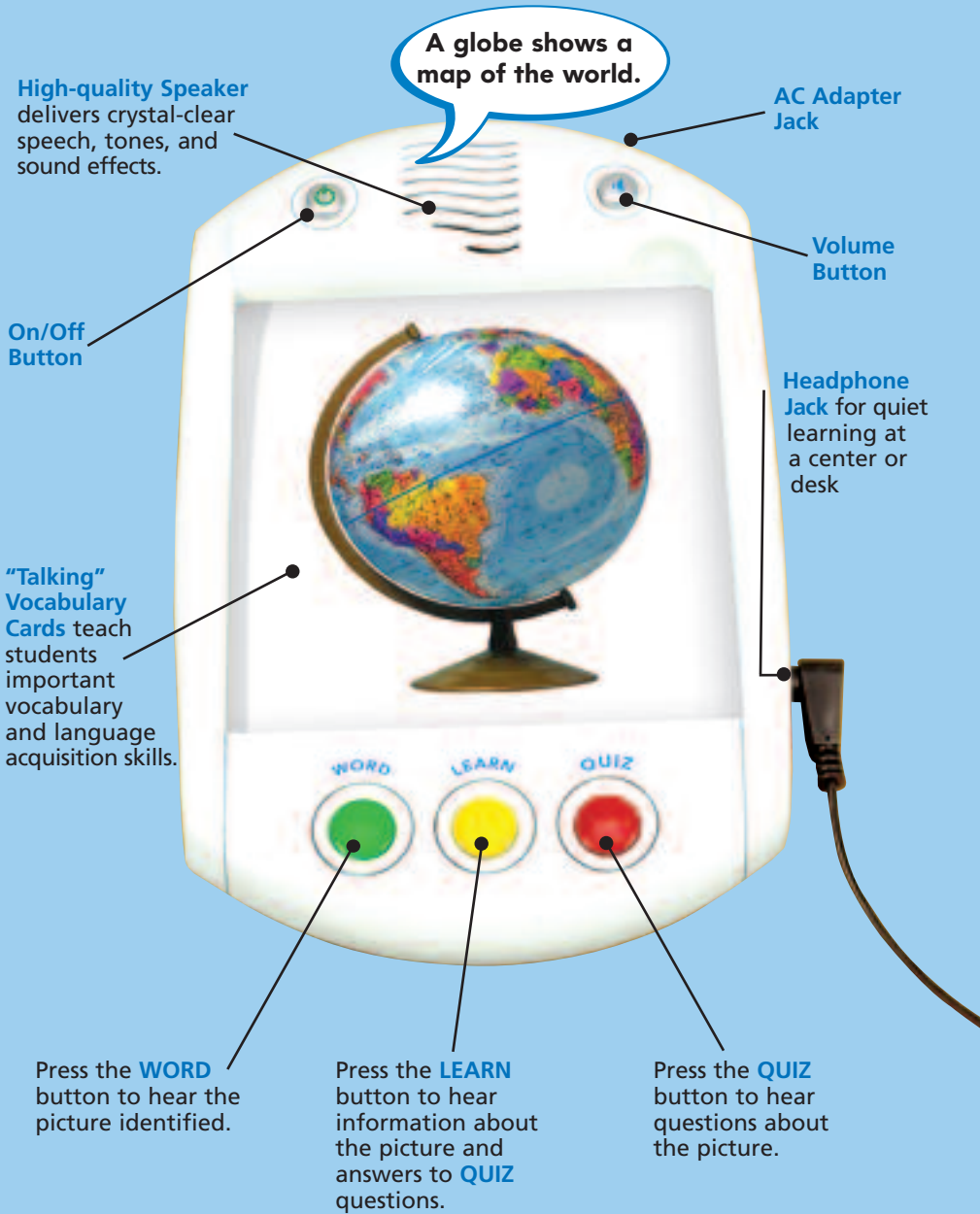
Smart Talk guides students through a simple three-step process. Just slide a vocabulary card onto Smart Talk. It “magically” recognizes the card and sets the learning in motion. Students SEE a photograph, HEAR the word associated with the picture, and then REPEAT the word until they’ve added it to their spoken vocabulary. Students then hear the word IN CONTEXT and are asked QUESTIONS about the target word. After exploring the photo-side of the card, students can turn the card over to the text-side and follow along with Smart Talk, matching the printed words to the spoken ones. Great reading practice! Flashing lights, tones, and fun sound effects guide and motivate students through each card lesson.

What will students learn?

Smart Talk introduces the “must know” vocabulary that English Language Learners and other children with limited vocabularies need to communicate effectively. By emulating Smart Talk’s speech, students practice their pronunciation skills and learn to use standard grammar patterns in sentences and questions. By answering Smart Talk’s simple questions, students reinforce their ability to construct sentences with the new vocabulary and hone their listening comprehension skills.



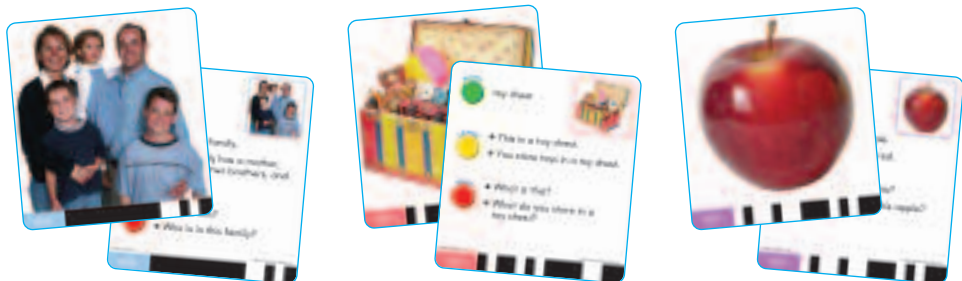
Let's Look at Smart Talk's Features



To conserve batteries, Smart Talk will turn itself off after two minutes of non-use.

Smart Talk Cards

Each Smart Talk “talking vocabulary” card introduces a target word and vocabulary associated with it. The cards feature beautiful, full-color photographs on the front and the target vocabulary, including all the words spoken by Smart Talk about the picture, and a mini-photo on the back. Use the cards on Smart Talk for independent vocabulary development and reading practice or by themselves with individuals or small groups for more oral practice.



Setting up Your Smart Talk Card Box

Each set of Smart Talk cards comes with ten category dividers. The lower-left corner of each card is color-coded to correspond to its category divider. Set up the cards sequentially behind their corresponding dividers.

Using Smart Talk

Before working with Smart Talk, place three AA batteries in the battery compartment (see page 6) or plug in the AC adapter (see page 7).

1. Turn Smart Talk on by pressing the On/Off button. Smart Talk greets users with an introductory message and “light show.”
2. Slide a Smart Talk card on Smart Talk. Smart Talk acknowledges the card's placement with a tone, and the WORD button begins to flash, guiding the user to press it.

NOTE: A Smart Talk card can be placed on the system with either the photo-side or the text-side up.

**WORD
Button**



3. Press the WORD button. Smart Talk identifies the target word, for example, “globe.” The student repeats the target word aloud. He or she can press the WORD button over and over, repeating it as many times as needed in order to learn it.
4. If, after two seconds, the student does not press the WORD button again, the LEARN button begins to flash, guiding the user to press it.



LEARN Button



5. Press the LEARN button. Smart Talk models the target word's use in two sentences. The first sentence identifies the word in a sentence, for example, "This is a globe." The second sentence gives students brief information about the target word, for example, "A globe shows a map of the world." The student can press the LEARN button over and over, repeating the sentences as many times as needed in order to learn the word in sentence context.

NOTE: In Set 1, Cards 143-150 (Positions) have a single sentence associated with them.

6. If, after two seconds, the student does not press the LEARN button again, the QUIZ button begins to flash, guiding the user to press it.

QUIZ Button



7. Press the QUIZ button. Smart Talk asks the student to identify the image shown on the card, for example, "What is this?" or "Who is this?" The student can press the QUIZ button as many times as necessary to hear the question repeated, then speak the answer aloud. If, after two seconds, the student does not press the QUIZ button again, the LEARN button flashes.
8. Press the LEARN button to check your answer. For example, Smart Talk answers, "This is a globe" after the question, "What is this?" The student can press the LEARN button over and over again, repeating the answer as many times as needed.
9. If, after two seconds, the student does not press the LEARN button again, the QUIZ button begins to flash again, guiding the user to press it.
10. Press the QUIZ button again. Smart Talk asks the student a second question about the target image. For example, "What does a globe show?" The student can press the QUIZ button as many times as necessary to hear the question repeated, then speak the answer aloud. If, after two seconds, the student does not press the QUIZ button again, the LEARN button flashes.
11. Press the LEARN button to check your answer. For example, Smart Talk would answer, "A globe shows a map of the world" after the question "What does a globe show?"

NOTE: In Set 1, Cards 143-150 (Positions) have a single question associated with them.

12. When the student has answered both questions, the WORD button flashes, encouraging the student to explore the card again. The student can repeat the learning sequence or choose another card.

NOTE: While Smart Talk is designed to present information in sequence, from word to sentence to question, students may press any button at any time and hear the information.

13. When the student is done exploring the photo-side of the card, he or she can turn the card over to the text-side, press the WORD, LEARN, or QUIZ button, and follow along with Smart Talk, matching the printed words to the spoken ones.



Battery Installation Instructions

1. Remove the screw from the battery compartment cover.
2. Install three AA batteries following the diagram inside the compartment.
 - Do not mix old and new batteries.
 - Nonrechargeable batteries are not to be recharged.
 - Do not use rechargeable batteries.
 - Do not mix different types of batteries: alkaline, standard (carbon zinc), or rechargeable batteries.
 - Only batteries of the same or equivalent type are to be used.
 - Remove exhausted batteries from the unit.
 - The supply terminals are not to be short-circuited.
 - Batteries are to be inserted with the correct polarity.
 - To prevent corrosion and possible damage to the product, it is recommended to remove the batteries from the unit if it will not be used for more than two weeks.
3. Replace the cover and tighten the screw.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

NOTE: The user is cautioned that changes and modifications made to the equipment without the approval of manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Adapter and Headphones

Operating Smart Talk with the Adapter

With the optional AC adapter, Smart Talk can run indefinitely without batteries. Follow these steps for using the adapter with Smart Talk:

1. Plug the end of the adapter cord into the AC adapter jack located on the top right side of the system.
 - Smart Talk must only be used with the recommended AC adapter, available from your authorized Educational Insights dealer. The Educational Insights stock number is EI-8702.
 - The AC adapter should be examined regularly for damage to the cord, plug, enclosure, and other parts. In the event of such damage, do not use the AC adapter until the damage has been repaired.
 - Disconnect Smart Talk from the AC adapter before cleaning.
 - The AC adapter unit is not a toy.
2. Carefully plug the adapter body into an electrical outlet.
 - Smart Talk must not be connected to more than the recommended number of power supplies.
 - Smart Talk is not suitable for children under three (3) years of age.

Operating Smart Talk with the Headphones

A standard 1/4" headphone jack is included. Optional headphones are available from your authorized Educational Insights dealer. The Educational Insights stock number is EI-3916. With headphones, a student can work with Smart Talk without disturbing others. Simply plug the cord from the headphones into the headphone jack located on the lower right side of Smart Talk.

Caring for Smart Talk

Troubleshooting

If Smart Talk is not working properly, replace the batteries with a fresh set. Weak batteries can cause a variety of malfunctions. To prolong battery life, always turn off Smart Talk with the On/Off button when you are not using the system. If Smart Talk will not be used for a long period of time, remove the batteries to prevent possible corrosion.

How to Clean Smart Talk

If you are using Smart Talk with the AC adapter, disconnect the AC adapter before cleaning. Clean your Smart Talk system with a slightly damp or dry cloth. Do not immerse Smart Talk in water. Do not spray liquid of any kind on the system.