Manipulatives: 3-part and 5-part cards

Issue

The default training delivery method is lecture. The main learning style that lecture targets is aural, which is the primary learning style for 30% of the population. The most common primary learning style is visual, representing 65% of the population. Although kinesthetic learners comprise 5% of the population, most people say they "learn" better when they "do" something.

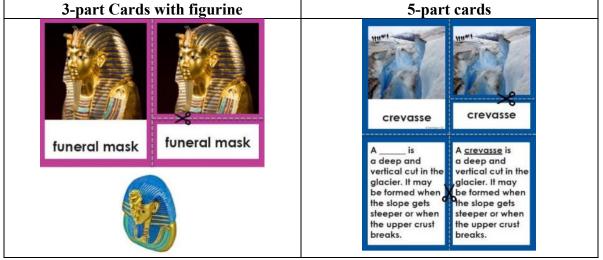
Creating an exercise to practice a new skill can be challenging due to impracticality. Some learners require repetition to facilitate and solidify learning. Many of these learner's struggle with self-esteem or confidence as well.

Solution

Use the 3-part or 5-part cards from the Montessori teaching methodology. This well-proven pedagogical approach has a strong visual and kinesthetic focus. Two or the core Montessori materials are 3-part cards and the 5-part cards. They are used to teach and practice the association of terms with their definitions and images. In some cases, the cards are further augmented with 3D pieces/figurines.

Results

The 3-part and 5-part materials are typically printed, cut-apart (see dashed lines), and then laminated. Often a code is penciled on the back of the cards prior to laminating to make it easier to do an instructor- or self-check. Examples are educational.



Classifications

The table below lists three classifications for this work sample.

Learning Styles	Intelligences ¹	Example of ²	
Visual	Bodily-Kinesthetic	Self-correcting	
Kinesthetic	Visual-Spatial	Individual practice	
Solitary	Intrapersonal	Emotional support	

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¹ Intelligences refers to Gardner's Multiple Intelligences.

² Reason(s) it was provided as a work sample

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Parts

The cards are referred to as (clockwise):

Picture Control Card	Has the image and the label together, usually without a line inbetween.	HHAI	Picture Card
Picture Card	Image only	Picture Co.	Card
Label Card	Term only	ontro.	PLAN IN
Definition Control	Has a definition or description of the	Card	Label
Card	term. Typically the term is bolded,	crevasse	Card
	underlined, or both.	Ais a deep and Deep cut in the glacie. I figure be comed when	A <u>crevasse</u> is a deep and v D isal cut in the glaciet Disa y becomed with
Definition Card	Has the definition or description of the	the slop@jets steeper or when	the slope of the steel of the slope of the s
	term but the actual term is replaced by	the upper crust breaks.	the upp a crust breaks.
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How it works

The learner uses the Definition Control Cards and Picture Control Cards to learn about the corresponding term and image.

Picture Practice:

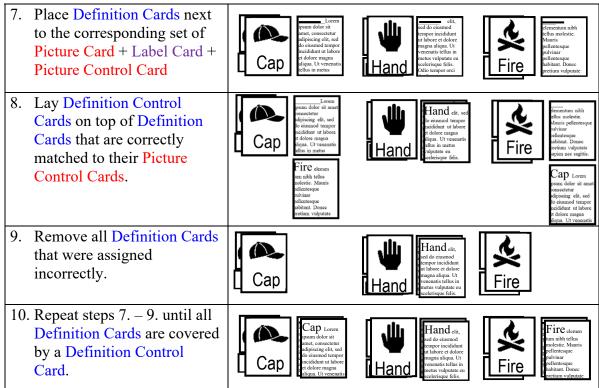
Pict	Picture Practice:						
1. 2.	Set aside all the control cards. Lay out the picture cards on a table leaving room for Label Cards and Definition Cards.		\\	*			
3.	Place Label Cards below corresponding Picture Cards.	Cap	Fire	Hand			
4.	Lay Picture Control Cards on top of correctly matched Label and Picture Cards.	Cap	Fire	Hand			
5.	Remove all Label Cards that were assigned incorrectly.	Cap	4	₹			
6.	Repeat steps 3. – 5. until all Picture Cards are covered by a Picture Control Card.	Cap	Hand	Fire			

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How it works (continued)

Definitions Practice:



If the matching of Label Cards and Picture Cards is mastered, but the Definition Card matching is not, match the Definition Cards with the Label Cards instead. If speed is important, use a timer once matching becomes consistent.

Additional Example

This example shows 5-part cards to learn and/or practice learning styles.

Here are the cards prior to cutting and laminating:



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Here are the learning styles 5-part cards in use. The student is working on step 8.



