

Real-World Reading





Labels tell something
about the food we eat.

Words All Around You

Words are all around you. The clothes you wear have words on their labels. There are labels on the boxes of food you eat. On your way to school, signs tell you to stop or go. When you need to buy something, the words on money tell you and the store how much you have. The words also tell you something about your country. Signs and labels tell you about games you watch or play, too.

Signs and labels are words you read every day. You may not read them in a book, but they are words that help you get around the world.

Key Notes:

What words do you see around you every day?



Making a Cake

You want something to eat, so you have a look at what you have. You find a box of cake mix, but you must read the directions on the box before you start making the cake. Directions tell you how to make the cake. Sometimes there are pictures with the directions. The pictures might be of eggs, milk, or oil. You might have to measure 1 cup of milk or oil.

After you have measured the things you need, you look for time clue words, like first and next. These words will help you follow the direction in the right order. If you follow the directions, your cake will come out right.

Key Notes:

What are directions?

Read the words and
pictures in directions
when you cook.



A menu lists the foods
the restaurant sells.

Eating Out

Signs are very important in restaurants. The name of the restaurant is often written on a sign outside. Inside, you can read the menu, which lists the foods the restaurant sells. Some menus have pictures with labels that show you how the food looks. After you eat, signs tell you where to throw things out.

Cities around the world have many kinds of restaurants. People around the world use different words for foods, too. Yet, at some restaurants, you will still be able to read the sign outside and the menu. Although there may be some different foods in other countries, you will still see, and read, food you know.

Key Notes:

What kinds of things can you read in restaurants?



Numbers and logos
on shirts help people
watch a game.

Watching a Game

During a great game, things can happen fast. It can be hard to find out important things, like who scored a point. Everyday words can help people figure out what happened. For example, one side of a score sign might show points for “Home.” The other side might show points for “Away.”

The players might also wear words. Sometimes the names and numbers of the players are written on their backs. Players’ shirts might also have a team name or a logo, like a bird. Logos can work like signs, helping people read who are far away. They can help people learn which teams scored the point.

Key Notes:

What can you read when you watch a game?

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