

■■ Montessori English Language Shelf Layout Guide

Complete Materials List with 72 Specific Works

1. Oral	2. Sound	3. Sandpaper	4. Moveable	5. Pink	6. Blue	7. Green	8. Writing
■■ 2-3y	■ 3-4y	■ 3.5-4.5y	■ 4-5y	■ 4-5y	■ 5-6y	■ 5-6y	✍■ 4-6y

Key: Each shelf has 3 levels (Top/Middle/Bottom) × 3 works = 9 works per area. Color coding: **Pink** consonants, **Blue** vowels, **Green** phonograms. Works progress from concrete objects → pictures → words.

SHELF 1: ORAL LANGUAGE

Ages 2-3

■ Top		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Animals Basket	cat, dog, pig, hen, cow, duck, frog, fish, bird, horse (realistic figurines)	<i>Wicker basket</i>
Kitchen Basket	pot, pan, cup, mug, spoon, fork, bowl, lid, plate, jug (mini real items)	<i>Wicker basket</i>
Classroom Basket	pen, pencil, book, bag, box, clip, tape, ruler, eraser, scissors	<i>Wicker basket</i>

■ Middle		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Body Parts Cards	head, arm, leg, hand, foot, nose, eye, ear, mouth, finger (real photos)	<i>Wooden tray</i>
Food Basket	apple, egg, bread, fish, corn, nut, cake, banana, orange, carrot (wooden)	<i>Wicker basket</i>
Clothing Basket	hat, cap, sock, shoe, shirt, pants, dress, coat, belt, vest (doll-sized)	<i>Wicker basket</i>

■ Bottom		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Home Items Basket	bed, chair, table, lamp, tub, door, clock, sofa, rug (dollhouse)	<i>Wicker basket</i>
Action Cards	run, jump, sit, clap, wash, eat, sleep, wave (stick figure pictures)	<i>Card box</i>
Song Picture Cards	Head Shoulders, Wheels on Bus, If You're Happy, Twinkle Star	<i>Ring-bound</i>

SHELF 2: SOUND GAMES (I-SPY)

Ages 3-4

■ Top		
Work Name	Contents	Container
I-Spy Box Set 1	/s/ /m/ /f/ /n/: sun, sock, moon, mop, fish, fan, net, nut (EASY sounds)	<i>Compartment box</i>

I-Spy Box Set 2	/p/ /t/ /c/ /h/: pen, pig, top, tent, cup, cat, hat, hen	<i>Compartment box</i>
I-Spy Box Set 3	/b/ /d/ /g/ /j/: ball, bed, dog, duck, goat, gift, jet, jam (MEDIUM)	<i>Compartment box</i>

■ Middle

Work Name	Contents	Container
I-Spy HARD Sounds	/v/ /r/ /l/ /z/: van, vest, ring, rug, leg, lamp, zip, zebra (RED labels)	<i>Compartment box</i>
Ending Sounds Box	-t (cat, hat), -p (cup, cap), -n (sun, pan), -g (dog, pig)	<i>Compartment box</i>
Vowel Sounds Box	apple, ant (a), egg (e), igloo (i), octopus (o), umbrella (u)	<i>Box - BLUE labels</i>

■ Bottom

Work Name	Contents	Container
Blending Cards	20 CVC pictures face-down - say /c/-/a/-/t/, child blends & checks	<i>Tray + cards</i>
Elkonin Boxes	Laminated mat with 3 boxes + bowl of 10 chips for segmenting	<i>Mat + chips</i>
Rhyming Pairs	cat/hat, dog/log, pan/fan, mop/top, bug/rug (10 pairs)	<i>Small basket</i>

SHELF 3: SANDPAPER LETTERS

Ages 3.5-4.5

■ Top

Work Name	Contents	Container
Consonants Set 1	s, m, t, p, n, c on PINK tiles (10x12cm sandpaper on wood)	<i>Letter holder</i>
Consonants Set 2	f, b, d, g, h, j, k, l on PINK tiles	<i>Letter holder</i>
Consonants Set 3	r, v, w, x, y, z, q on PINK tiles	<i>Letter holder</i>

■ Middle

Work Name	Contents	Container
Vowels a, e, i, o, u	Short vowel sounds on BLUE tiles (same size as consonants)	<i>Small holder</i>
Phonograms	sh, ch, th, ck, qu, wh on GREEN tiles (both letters = one sound)	<i>Small holder</i>
Salt/Sand Tray	Shallow wooden tray (30x20cm) with 1cm fine salt for practice	<i>Tray with lid</i>

■ Bottom

Work Name	Contents	Container
Letter Sound Objects	26 compartments, one tiny object per sound: a=apple, b=ball...	<i>Compartment box</i>
Letter Matching Cards	26 cards with picture matching each letter sound	<i>Card box</i>
Formation Guide	Laminated A4 showing stroke order for all 26 letters	<i>Wall or stand</i>

SHELF 4: MOVEABLE ALPHABET

Ages 4-5

■ Top

Work Name	Contents	Container
Large Moveable Alphabet	Full set 5cm letters: RED consonants, BLUE vowels (5 of each vowel)	<i>Wooden box</i>

CVC Objects - Short A	cat, hat, bat, rat, map, bag, pan, can, jam, cap (8-10 tiny objects)	<i>Basket 'short a'</i>
CVC Objects - Short E	bed, pen, hen, net, jet, leg, web, peg	<i>Basket 'short e'</i>

■ Middle

Work Name	Contents	Container
CVC Objects - Short I	pig, pin, bin, fin, lip, wig, bib, kit, lid	<i>Basket 'short i'</i>
CVC Objects - Short O	dog, log, pot, mop, box, fox, top, cot, dot	<i>Basket 'short o'</i>
CVC Objects - Short U	cup, bug, rug, sun, bus, nut, jug, mug, bun	<i>Basket 'short u'</i>

■ Bottom

Work Name	Contents	Container
CVC Picture Cards	50 cards with pictures front, word back - sorted by vowel	<i>Card box</i>
Phrase Cards	'the fat cat', 'a red bed', 'big pig', 'hot pot', 'fun sun' (20 cards)	<i>Card box</i>
Sentence Cards	'The cat sat on the mat.' (10 simple sentences, CVC only)	<i>Card box</i>

SHELF 5: PINK SERIES (CVC Reading)

Ages 4-5

■ Top		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Pink Box - Short A	8 objects + 8 word cards: cat, hat, bat, map, pan, bag, jam, cap	<i>Pink box</i>
Pink Box - Short E	8 objects + 8 word cards: bed, pen, hen, net, jet, leg, web, peg	<i>Pink box</i>
Pink Box - Short I	8 objects + 8 word cards: pig, pin, bin, fin, lip, wig, bib, kit	<i>Pink box</i>

■ Middle		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Pink Box - Short O	8 objects + 8 word cards: dog, log, pot, mop, box, fox, top, cot	<i>Pink box</i>
Pink Box - Short U	8 objects + 8 word cards: cup, bug, rug, sun, bus, nut, jug, mug	<i>Pink box</i>
Picture-Word Matching	30 pictures + 30 word cards (mixed vowels, pink border)	<i>Tray</i>

■ Bottom		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Pink Word Lists	5 laminated lists (one per vowel) with 20 CVC words each	<i>Display stand</i>
Pink Phrase Cards	'a fat cat', 'the red hen', 'big wig', 'hot dog' (20 cards)	<i>Card box</i>
Pink Sentence Cards	'The cat sat.' 'The dog ran.' 'I can hop.' (15 sentences)	<i>Card box</i>

SHELF 6: BLUE SERIES (Blends)

Ages 5-6

■ Top		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Beginning Blend Cards	bl, br, cl, cr, dr, fl, fr, gl, gr, pl, pr, st, sw, tr (with key pictures)	<i>Ring-bound</i>

Blue Box - Initial Blends	frog, crab, drum, flag, tree, star, clock, block, sled, snail	<i>Blue box</i>
Blue Box - Final Blends	hand, lamp, belt, desk, milk, nest, tent, gift, sink, mask	<i>Blue box</i>

■ Middle

Work Name	Contents	Container
CCVC Picture-Word	20 pictures + cards: frog, stop, clap, trip, drum, flag, skip, spin	<i>Tray, blue border</i>
CVCC Picture-Word	20 pictures + cards: hand, milk, best, desk, lamp, tent, pond, belt	<i>Tray, blue border</i>
Blue Word Lists	Beginning blends (50 words), Ending blends (50 words)	<i>Display stand</i>

■ Bottom

Work Name	Contents	Container
Blue Phrase Cards	'a flat rock', 'the best gift', 'a fast truck' (20 cards)	<i>Card box</i>
Blue Sentence Cards	'The frog can jump.' 'I lost my best hat.' (15 sentences)	<i>Card box</i>
Blue Booklets	5 simple readers using CVC + blend words (8-10 pages each)	<i>Book basket</i>

SHELF 7: GREEN SERIES (Phonograms)

Ages 5-6

■ Top		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Phonogram Cards	ai, ay, ee, ea, oa, ow, ou, ar, or, er, ir, ur, oo, oi, oy (with key words)	<i>Flipbook</i>
Green Box - ai/ay	rain, train, snail, tail + play, day, hay, tray (Long A)	<i>Green box</i>
Green Box - ee/ea	tree, bee, feet, sheep + beach, leaf, bead, seal (Long E)	<i>Green box</i>

■ Middle		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Green Box - oa/ow	boat, goat, coat, road + snow, bow, grow, slow (Long O)	<i>Green box</i>
Green Box - ou/ow	cloud, house, mouse + cow, owl, brown, crown (diphthong)	<i>Green box</i>
Green Box - R-Controlled	ar: car, star or: corn, fork er/ir/ur: her, bird, fur	<i>3-section box</i>

■ Bottom		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Green Word Lists	Lists by phonogram: ai/ay, ee/ea, oa/ow, ou/ow, ar/or/er	<i>Display stand</i>
Green Sentence Cards	'The goat ate the oat.' 'I see a bee.' (20 sentences)	<i>Card box</i>
Green Readers	Primary Phonics, Bob Books Set 3-4, or handmade readers	<i>Book basket</i>

SHELF 8: WRITING & GRAMMAR

Ages 4-6

■ Top - Pre-Writing		
Work Name	Contents	Container
Metal Insets	10 geometric shapes with frames: circle, oval, triangle, square, etc.	<i>Wooden stand</i>

Inset Paper	Stack of 14x14cm paper for metal inset tracing	<i>Paper tray</i>
Colored Pencils	Set of 12 colored pencils	<i>Pencil cup</i>

■ Middle - Writing

Work Name	Contents	Container
Chalkboard Set	Small chalkboard (30x20cm) + chalk + eraser for large letters	<i>Tray</i>
Lined Paper - Large	Paper with 2-3cm lines for beginning writing	<i>Paper tray</i>
Writing Journals	Blank books with unlined pages for creative writing	<i>Basket</i>

■ Bottom - Grammar

Work Name	Contents	Container
Grammar Symbols	Black triangles (nouns), red circles (verbs), blue triangles (adj)	<i>Compartment tray</i>
Noun Cards + Objects	Objects from vocab baskets + blank slips for labeling	<i>Tray + slips</i>
Verb Action Cards	run, jump, sit, clap, eat, drink, sleep (child reads & acts)	<i>Red card box</i>

■ Materials Shopping Checklist

■	Item	Where to Buy	Est. Cost
■	Vocabulary baskets (6 themes)	Daiso/Miniso + Taobao miniatures	¥150-200
■	I-Spy sound objects (60+ items)	Safari TOOBS, dollhouse items	¥200-300
■	Sandpaper letters (full set)	Taobao: ■■■■■	¥80-150
■	Salt/sand tray	Wooden tray + fine salt	¥30-50
■	Large moveable alphabet	Taobao: ■■■■	¥100-200
■	CVC object baskets (5 vowels)	Safari TOOBS, craft miniatures	¥150-200
■	Pink series boxes (5 sets)	DIY: objects + printed word cards	¥100-150
■	Blue series materials	DIY: blend cards + objects	¥80-120
■	Green series phonogram boxes	DIY: objects + word cards	¥100-150
■	Metal insets or templates	Taobao: ■■■■■	¥60-150
■	Grammar symbols	DIY cardstock or Taobao	¥20-40
■	Chalkboard + writing materials	Local stationery shop	¥30-50
■	Storage baskets & boxes	Daiso/Miniso, Taobao	¥50-100

Total Estimated Budget: ¥1,100 - ¥1,800

Many items can be DIY'd to reduce cost. Prioritize by stage - you don't need everything at once!