

DESCRIPTIONS – to be used with DESCRIBING ... SELECT exercises

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DESIGN OF THE LESSONS

Building Thinking Skills®-Primary is designed for cooperative learning in which students share their responses with a student partner before discussing the exercise with the whole class. For home-schoolers or teachers working with a single student, the teacher is the partner and acts as a coach.

DESCRIBING FAMILY MEMBERS—SELECT

E-1: **mother, grandmother, girl,**

- Listen to this description and then name the family member I am describing.
- This family member remembers events and places that other family members don't know about. She lives nearby or far away. She is an older woman whose son or daughter is a mother or father. She helps her grandchildren know they are loved and special. She sometimes takes care of her grandchildren.

E-2: **baby, toddler boy, boy**

- Listen to this description and then name the family member I am describing.
- This family member is not as tall as a sink. His mother can lift him, but he is too heavy to carry very far. He is learning to talk and walk by himself. He has some teeth and can eat many cut-up foods by himself. He knows his family and where to find things in the house.

E-3: **toddler girl, baby, girl**

- Listen to this description and then name the family member I am describing.
- This family member has friends that she shares her things with. She may know how to swim, roller skate, or ride a bicycle. She is old enough to go to school. She can read books and solve some arithmetic problems.

DESCRIBING FOOD - SELECT

F-1: **bread, butter, cheese**

- Listen to this description and then name the food I am describing.
- This food is made by mixing flour, water, salt, and oil or butter. The dough seems light because yeast or baking powder makes tiny bubbles in the dough. This food is usually white or light brown and is not as sweet as desserts. The bakery often slices it so that we can use it for toast or sandwiches.