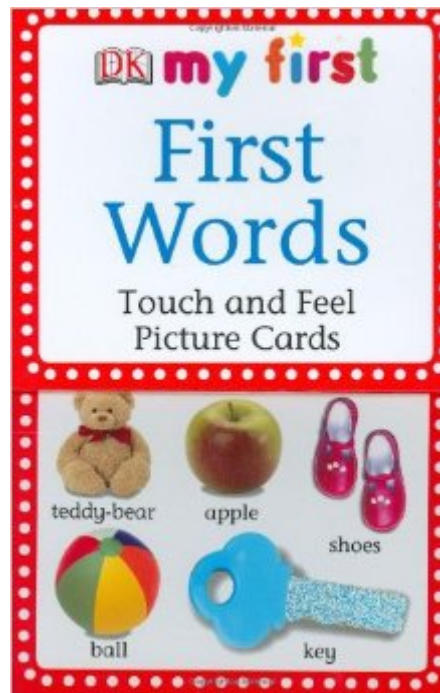


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My First Touch & Feel Picture Cards: First Words (My 1st T&F Picture Cards)



Synopsis

Perfect for helping children develop early language skills, this exciting range of interactive flash cards reinforces learning through touch.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I got these for my son when he was 18-months and he LOVES these! He has already memorized both the First Words and almost all of the Shapes & Colors cards. I went out and bought ALL FOUR packs. They are all great! Each card includes a big color photograph of the item plus some sort of tactile addition - such as hair on the cat, bumpy tires on the tractor, sticky areas on the jelly. Plus, on the back of each card there are "talking points" and suggestions for questions to ask and things to do. It also has five different translations for the object, so you can help your little one learn other languages. As other reviewers have mentioned, the cards are super strong and will resist bending and folding if your baby plays with them. My baby has at least once dumped them on the floor and danced on them - and they as good as new! They are now part of our nightly routine. We "do cards" right before we read a book or two each night. I would say that First Words are good for 12 mo+, and Shapes & Colors is good for 18+ (there are some more difficult cards, such as a picture of a glittery purse shaped like a heart - my son still has no idea what that is!). Animals is a little more advanced (just because it includes some more obscure animals) and Counting is the most advanced (but it is

still awesome and teaches great concepts - for example, there is a picture of a jar of marbles and another card with an empty jar, so the baby can compare "many marbles" versus "no marbles"). Buy these! And, I hope the company makes even more of them (would love to see more themed word cards, such as "food," "bathtime," "bedtime," "outdoors," etc.) I will buy them all!

My son is barely 2 years old and has speech delays. He can't even say 'mom' yet. That led me to order any sort of learning tools I could think of to help him before starting speech therapy. I've had these a month or so now and feel like I've had a good amount of time using them to give a solid review. I'm going to give it 5 stars, and here's why:

1. Packaging is thick, sturdy and has a Velcro closure
2. The price is fantastic for what you receive
3. The bright colors and fun textures on the cards strike interest kids of all ages
4. On the back of each card are questions to ask the child once simply naming the animal on the picture is too easy
5. The cards themselves are very thick, rigid and can withstand a good beating.

I do daycare (and other children come to play) and have kids ages 6 months to 10 years spend lots of times using the cards. The older kids made games out of them including a weird version of 'go fish'. I've had a baby munch on the corner of a couple cards and they didn't get all soggy and tear because they're so thick. My rambunctious 2 year old hasn't managed to bend any of the cards yet, while our 'Baby Einstein discovery cards' are mostly bent so badly that you cannot see some of the pictures. My son now name 3 of the animals, can make the noises that most of them make, and can find a specific animal in the stack if I name one. That is amazing progress! The day after getting these cards, I ordered the 'first words' set by the same company, and while they are good, we definitely prefer the animals.

My 15 month old received these in her Easter basket and they're great! They are very sturdy- about like the page from a touch and feel board book (2-ply so the fabric can be sandwiched between). The touch and feel patches on some of the cards are somewhat small (you only get the nose on the puppy), but it really doesn't detract overall. There are 4 animals in each of 4 categories: ocean, zoo, pets, & farm. Each category has a different color border which is good for sorting. This may seem irrelevant, but the box is very sturdy. It matters to us because my daughter loves putting the cards into the box and taking them out over and over. It's made of a heavy laminated cardboard which can sit alone on its bottom and the lid flips over the top and has a velcro closure.

Big sturdy cards. Each with something for the baby too see or feel. Has little suggestions on the back of the cards to ask baby about what's on the front of the card. Jelly is by far his favorite card

because it's "sticky". Overall good product.

Let me start from the moment I opened the box. I wanted to check out the cards before handing them to my "hungry" 14-month-old son (he chews on EVERYTHING). My first impression - clear graphics, nice colors, perfect size of cards and durable. I like the ideas on the back of the card; they make them usable for several age groups and could interest him in new ways later. I am pleased with most of the words chosen, but some of them really don't seem like the best choice for first words (i.e., sweater, jelly and fire truck). I agree with another reviewer that there are many other items in everyday life that could be more effective; perhaps it was hard to tie a "touch and feel" element to them. The texture provided for ball doesn't represent what I feel is a more common texture for a ball (the one provided for shoes would be better), especially not a beach ball as shown on the card. Also, being that these are "Touch and Feel" cards, I was expecting each one to have an actual touch or feel element. I don't consider metallic or sparkly spot on the keys, car and fire truck to provide a true "feel" experience (this is an even bigger problem in the "Things That Go" set). It is also a bit annoying that several of the words appear in the "Things That Go" card set, though I can see how seeing those words with different pictures could maybe be a benefit. Still, I think they could have used different words to give more variety overall. I am glad I was able to find these cards several dollars cheaper on than on other websites, but I must admit I am a little bummed. I am hopeful that my son will have fun with them in the years to come. At the moment he is nibbling on the teddy bear's fur...hungry toddlers CAN consume the fur...but he instantly fell in love with the baby, cat, dog and teddy bear cards so I can't complain. I am glad I waited to buy more of the card sets because I am not sure I want the others if they have similar downfalls.

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