

## Question: What is the Lekkerbek series?

**There are 7 workbooks (Grade 1-8) in the series.**

The Workbooks have been designed to start Afrikaans as an Additional Language from the basic vocabulary, to eventual and proper basic competency in Afrikaans as an additional Language and means of Communication.

## Question: Why is code switching important?

**Early literacy is the foundation on which all learning occurs.** It is a universal educational fact that children use both sides of their brain to learn new skills, by drawing on their existing home language understanding and skills, in this case, of literacy skills. **Children learn best from a curriculum that builds on their prior knowledge** and experiences relating new vocabulary, concepts, and information to what they already know **in their home language**. It is essential to use their home language vocabulary and skills as reference and translation to "help" to build confidence and understanding of the new language, in this case Afrikaans.

## Question: Why use code switching?

**All new sounds, blends and vocabulary have reference and explanation of meaning in English.** This principle is applied from Grade 1 – 8 as a way of helping not only the teacher, but also the student and parents to consolidate new work and **as revision and re-enforcement**.

## Question: What makes the Lekkerbek workbooks so effective?

- **It is practical and cost effective**, as it is a workbook that each learner uses for the year, to do the written exercises and **application of the teaching of the language**.
  - Makes use of **Code Switching**, which means that not only the Learner, but also the Teacher and the parent community can benefit explanation of vocabulary is in the Home Language of the Learner.
  - Parents can help their children with homework;
  - The workbooks can be used **without having infrastructure** at schools. It doesn't need electricity or anything else to be effective; only a teacher, a Learner and a crayon.
  - **In the digital age of learning and online learning, Lekkerbek can be used on a digital platform** or be used as the paper-based application to online teaching.
- \*\*In the early years of childhood development and education, using all five senses to acquire and learn new concepts, will always be of the utmost importance.** Digital material and paper-based teaching material should always go hand-in-hand.

- Each book **builds on the previous level**, so that there is visible progress from one grade to the next. Books should be kept and used as reference for the following year, from Foundation phase to the senior phase.
- **Simple, visual structure** to help with evaluation and teaching.
- Content on the level of the Learner, so that the **Learners identify** with the content, for instance topics that children and teenagers find in their world and on their level of interest.
- Written and designed by a teaching professional according to the **skills and areas covered in the syllabus**; thus, helping with preparation and supplying **ready-made application and evaluation**.
- Loads of phonics and vocabulary, starting from the basics so that the language can be **properly grounded**.
- Comprehension skills as part of first steps to **reading**: adequate reading material is provided in the workbooks, while re-visiting vocabulary regularly and visually.
- Visual literacy: the same images and pictures are used to revise on each new level.

## Question: How many lessons are in a book?

**The workbooks have been designed to take into consideration the time allocation for Additional Language in a specific grade**, and how much of that time should be spent on **written application** on a specific level of competency. On that principal and bearing in mind that each class, teacher and individual learner is different and unique, the book should cover the lessons in a grade for the year as the basic application.

## Question: What about copyright?

**All the books are copyrighted. The workbooks must be ordered in sets and not as Teacher's reference. However-** Exercises from each Learner's book may be (and should be) used for assessment purposes (including portfolio work). Copies can therefore be made of the completed exercise of each child, that will be used as an assessment, once written permission has been obtained from the company. **Answer books are free of charge** and mailed to schools. The answers may be copied/printed to be used as a memorandum for each exercise.

## Question: Can the workbooks be used as a remedial aid and for Learners who are far behind with their language skills?

**Yes.** The series is very successful as extra help and remedial aid in remedial schools. It is designed to be used on the level of the children in a grade without prescribing which grade should be using a specific book.

**\*\*Teacher workshops or training available.**