

# Teaching Train 2D (instructions for building)

The Teaching Train 2D is a two dimensional version of the Teaching Train and consists of an Engine, 8 Train cars, and a caboose, with 78 word cards as cargo. (3 word cards for each of the alphabet letters)

The Teaching Train 2D is an easy level craft project that anyone can do and is available as a pre-printed loose leaf book or as a downloadable pdf. file version.

If purchased as a pdf. file, you will need to print it on white card stock at your home computer. You can find card stock paper at most Office Supply stores, Wal-marts and Target stores. Regular weight copy/print paper will not give you enough body for this project to hold its shape or enough durability in use. Set your printer on Landscape and do a test run of the first page to make sure you like the finished product. Also be sure that you have a new color ink cartridge installed so that you will not run out, or fade out in the middle of your printing.

**Print out the Train** (should be 25 pages) including the 14 Word Card pages

Cover Page(1)

Train Engine (1)

Train Cars (8)

Caboose (1)

Word pages (14) one is blank to add 8 of your own words or names

## Tools needed

Card stock paper (will give you a stronger and more durable train)

12 inch Ruler

Scoring tool or dull knife (for scoring fold lines)(just indent the paper, no need to scratch or cut it)

Scissors

Glue stick

Stapler or tape

Cutting mat

**Save the Front Title Page of the book, you can use it as a label on your storage box or envelope for the train and the word cards**

**Let's Start with the Train Engine, Train Cars (all 8 of them), and the Caboose**

With the Ruler and a (Scoring tool or dull knife) scoring tool

1. Lay the ruler along fold lines (**Blue Dashed**) and score them.

(Do a test score on a plain piece of paper first to test your choice of tool) Only the fold lines need scoring.

(doing this will make it fold along the lines better and easier, but is not necessary)

2. Follow the numbers starting at 1, and instructions on the print-out, Gluing and cutting as directed.

**Now for the Word Pages, all 14, one page for two letters of the Alphabet, and a blank one for you to add your own words or names.**

With Scissors

1. Cut all (**Magenta Dashed**) cut lines of the Word cards (you will find 2 cards for each alphabet verb)
2. Set the verb card 1 over the verb card 2, attach with a piece of tape or a staple.  
(verbs show an action or a movement)