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Creative teaching material for young learners

New words

boots

'Boots' is a new word at **Starters** for 2018.

Teaching notes - you might like to:

- review / teach foot, feet, shoe and sock.
- write boot and foot on the board. Then give learner a sheet of paper.
 They draw a boot on one side and a foot on the other. Point out that
 that you wear a boot on your foot and the two words have the same
 last three letters, but boot and foot don't sound the same. Isn't that
 funny?
- say *boot, foot, foot, boot, boot* etc. Learners hold up their *boot* or *foot* drawings each time.
- also teach *football boots*, *walking boots* and *wellington boots* if learners would find those useful.

Matt

'Matt' is a new name at **Starters** level for 2018, too.

You might like to:

- write *Matt* and *mat* (another Starters word) on the board and show learners that the spellings are different but the two words sound exactly the same.
- draw a boy standing on a mat. Say *This is Matt.* Ask one learner to come to the board and draw an arrow to Matt's face and write his name. Say *Let's give Matt some boots.* Draw boots on Matt's feet.
- point and say *This is Matt's mat. Matt has some new boots.*
- write the poem on the board or dictate it or write a few words of the poem then stop and ask learners which word they think comes next.
- divide learners into four different groups. Each group reads out one of the lines. Everyone says the last line. Alternatively, learners chant the poem aloud together.
- teach learners some actions to accompany the poem. I suggest: line one mime pulling on boots and drawing a number 1 in the air. line two arms out wide and smile line one mime pulling on boots and drawing a number 2 in the air.
 - line one mime pulling on boots and drawing a number 2 in the air.

 line one point to an imagined 'you'.
- Adding something kinaesthetic to the reading out of a story or poem will always help learners to remember the words.

Matt's boots

Matt is putting his boot on foot number one!
Wearing one boot is lots of fun.
Now he's putting a boot on foot number two!
Matt likes wearing boots.

Do you?