Index Cards – Vocabulary

Index cards are usually 3 inches by 5 inches (3x5) or 4 inches by 6 inches (4x6). They are made of paper that is heavier than notebook paper. This page describes how you can use them for learning vocabulary (and other things, too!).

Flash Cards

• Write the English word on one side and the word in the language you are learning on the other.



- This is very helpful in learning a foreign language
- Write a specific subject's vocabulary on one side and the definition on the other.

You might have a stack of biology vocabulary index cards and a separate stack of social studies vocabulary index cards.

- Spend ten minutes every day (or longer) reviewing the words you need to learn.
- Have someone quiz you often.
- You can put aside (but do not throw out) the word and definitions that you have mastered.
- You can also use them for: weekly spelling words, recipes, directions to a friend's house, algebraic equations, the name of a book you want to read, the law of physics and many more things, too!

See other Index Cards pages for speeches, research papers, and outlining.

You can do something very similar to this on a computer by using a database program.