As a parent, teacher and Founder of Cambridge Academic Tuition, I am always interested to try out resources that may help children succeed in their exams and academic performance.

This box of vocabulary flashcards contains six smaller boxes, each at different levels. It is very helpful to have different levels as this gives you a sense of achievement and completion. Level 1 starts with words such as abode, rumpus and vex. The cards are colour coded and include the part of speech and synonyms. There are other words on the reverse of the 100 cards in each pack meaning there are 200 words for each level. You could test your child or they could test themselves. My children also enjoyed playing a game where if they get the definition right they can keep the card. It is also good practice to use the words in a sentence and you can do this to help your child if they are stuck on a word.

Level 2 includes words such as languid, finesse and tumult. Level 3 includes words such as temerity, insipid and servile. The fourth pack of cards is Opposites Level 1 which has a word on one side such as lavish with synonyms and antonyms on the other side. Opposites Level 2 includes words such as equanimity and trepidation. The final pack is compound words such as leg+end, con+trite and lament+able. They have the definition of the compound words and the meanings of the individual words. My children and students also like trying to guess the compound words from clues or pictures.

There is also a vocabulary quiz game which includes odd one out questions, multiple meaning questions and verbal classification questions. This is a fun way to improve vocabulary and reasoning skills and interact with your child. There has been a great deal of thought and attention put into making all of these resources and they are the most comprehensive and useful set of flashcards that I have seen. Not only will they help your child pass their 11+ or 13+ exams but they will also be useful for students after these exams to increase vocabulary skills which will improve comprehension and writing skills building a solid foundation for GCSE.

They are suitable for children in Key Stage 2 and 3 from ages 7 to 14. They are ideal for 11+ and 13+ exam preparation. I highly recommend these flashcards as the most comprehensive and easy to use resource for improving vocabulary for 11+ exams.

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