

Suggestions for Building a Realia Toolkit

The following items are suggestions for building your own, local realia toolkit used in the English Forward Instructor Training. The items below complement lessons in the English Forward Curriculum. When building your toolkit, **make it as local as possible** by filling it with items that are particular to your city, neighborhood, or program. **Use items that are adaptable across a variety of topics** - think of the toolkit as a teacher's go-to kit that he/she can take from class to class or program to program.

Bank deposit slip
Book: What the World Eats by Faith D' Aluisio and Peter Menzel
Business card
Calendar
City map
Clock with moveable hands
Family photos
First aid items: gauze, band-aids
Grocery bag
Grocery store flyers
Hobby items: garden gloves, ipod, goggles, cooking utensils, etc.
Hospital intake forms
Housing classified ads
Immigrant services directory
Job application
Job classified ads
Local coupons
Local parks map
Medicine bottles/packages
MyPlate poster
Neighborhood map
Newspapers/magazines/other local publications
Park brochures/flyers
Play money
Playing cards
Public library card application
Public library system map
Public transportation map
Public transportation schedule
Restaurant menus
Store advertisements: Walmart, Best Buy, Hobby Lobby, etc.
Used/old or recycled cell phones
Utility bill
World map