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Mastery of language is of paramount importance to children's learning and whole person development. In the 2015/16 school year, funded by the Language Fund, the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) launched the "Scheme on Early Language and Literacy Development in Chinese and English Language of Young Children" with a view to enhancing the capability of kindergarten principals and teachers to provide quality Chinese language learning/teaching and English language exposure for young children, and exploring as well as developing, in collaboration with schools, effective Chinese and English language teaching strategies at the early childhood level in Hong Kong through strengthening support in early language education to kindergartens of different background.

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The following language items can be used by the teacher/children when talking about the picture:

a. To identify and name people or objects in the picture

- apple
- apron
- aubergine/eggplant
- banana
- biscuit/cookie
- bok choy/pak choi
- bottled drink
- candy/sweetcanned soup
- carrot
- cash/money
- cashier
- cashier machine
- chocolate
- clam
- corn/maize
- crab

- dragon fruit
- egg
- fish
- glass bottle
- glovegrape
- ice cream
- ice lolly/popsicle
- lemon
- line/queue
- lollipop/lollymango
- milk
- mushroom
- Octopus Processor
- onion
- orange

- pineapple
- pop/soda/soft drink
- poster
- potato
- prawn
- pumpkin
- salmonshopping bag
- shopping bagshopping basket
- shopping cart/trolley
- squid
- sushi
- tomato
- water tank
- watermelon
- wet tissue/wet wipe

b. To describe people or objects in the picture

- a big round watermelon
- a broken bottle
- a green crown on the pineapple
- a long yellow banana
- a small yellow lemon
- colourful fruit
- fresh corn
- juicy purple grapes
- looks (scared/shocked)
- orange crunchy carrots

- small round pumpkins
- spiky pineapple
- wearing high-heeled shoes
- white and brown mushrooms
- with short curly hair
- The crabs have two sharp claws.
- The shelves are full of food.
- The water splashes onto the man.
- There are (blueberry/chocolate/vanilla) ice cream in the freezer.

c. To describe actions of people or events in the picture

- apples are falling
- buying food at the supermarket
- choosing the biggest mango
- comforting the boy
- crying loudly
- giving money to the cashier
- has dropped a bottle on the floor
- lining up/queuing up for payment looking at the seafood

- paying money
- picking sushi from the freezer
- pointing to the teddy bear
- putting the food in her shopping bag
- showing him a teddy bear
- smiling happily
- The fish are swimming in the tank.
- The prawns are jumping out of the water.

d. To imagine other people, objects or events that might relate to the picture

- I don't like (watermelons).
- I like (all types of vegetables).
- I like shopping at the supermarket.
- I want to go fishing with my father.
- * The items listed above are grouped according to their nature and use.
- * Words in brackets may vary, depending on the contexts.
- * They are only for teachers' reference. They are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.