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This word book is nicely organised round a world of miniature model characters who are shown at home, on the farm, in the classroom, at a party, on the campsite and in the workshop. Important items are arranged round the border of the pages with clear labels. There are also useful and lively pages devoted to parts of the body, actions, shapes, colours and numbers. Litchfield skilfully includes a large number of objects in each situation without losing coherence in the richness of it all. I very much like the way the objects are presented as part of the lives of human beings. The touches of humour will appeal to children between about three and six and, while not a new idea, the 'count the objects' game on each double spread will amuse. While the emphasis is best on sheer enjoyment there is a lot of opportunity here for matching objects and names and for learning about alphabetical order by looking at the word list at the end. This would be a useful resource for the early years teacher and a good browse for children and parents.

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