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A child's hunger for reading

Southern University law professor Maurice Franks says when he and wife Maylene were in London recently, they visited the famed Foyles Bookshop on Charing Cross Road and bought some vocabulary flash cards for their 15-month-old daughter, Moira.

Typical cards include "balloon," "butterfly," "flower," "doll," "boy," "girl," "fish," etc., and each card features a color picture of the object.

Says Maurice, "Moira loves to eat apples and bananas. She constantly asks for them by pointing at an apple or banana and trying to articulate the word as best a 15-month-old can.

"When putting away her flash cards one night, Maylene and I noticed that two of them — just two — had bites taken out of them."

As you might have guessed, the cards showed an apple and a banana.

Now *that's* realism. ...

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