

TEACHER NOTES

English

Spoken Language - Questioning/Listening Skills



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Contextual Summary

This is an English resource that engages students with their visit to The Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. The resource task enables them to practise their thinking and questioning skills as well as their research and writing skills. Students are asked to come up with a number of questions prior to their visit. Using their experiences at the Sanctuary as their stimulus material, they will then collect information and endeavour to ask further questions whilst on site. The pupils are then expected to record their collected information in an appropriate manner on their return. The task is designed to appeal to students in

lower key stage 2

SUBJECT

English

UNIT

Spoken Language

OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE

- ✓ Pre-Visit
- ✓ On-Site Activity
- ✓ Post-Visit

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Peripheral Task

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introduced before the visit to the Donkey Sanctuary so that students

are aware of the need to plan their questions and can form ideas for

possible creative research.

It is anticipated that students will have an enriched experience as they will be reflecting on the potential research opportunities prior to their school visit as well as being able to find out information in a number of ways whilst on-site. The follow up activities will be inspired by the real and practical ways in which the information has been gathered. This will reinforce how English can provide valuable tools for communication.

Ability Levels

There are two variants of this resource, one for low/medium ability and one for medium/high ability in lower key stage 2.

Teachers can support students in their undertaking of the tasks as necessary for ability.

Key skills practised in this unit:

- ▶ Planning for research
- ▶ Constructing different types of questions using Bloom's Taxonomy
- ▶ Gathering information through reading, speaking and listening
- ▶ Recording information in an engaging manner.

Relationship to Curriculum

The above skills are required to be taught and practised as per the National Curriculum for lower key stage 2 English: speaking for a purpose using Standard English; confidence and competence in speaking; reading for information; writing to inform.

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P4 - P5

CURRICULUM / SYLLABUS

- ✓ National Curriculum 2014
- ✓ Curriculum for Excellence

Applies to Resources numbered:

104191
104192

Learning Opportunities

All stages

Completion of the English resource linked with this document:

Resource ID:

104191 (KS2U low/mid ability) **104192** (KS2U medium/high ability)

Students will learn to consider choices of questions and also the need for using Standard English. They will be given opportunities to interview adults thereby encouraging confidence and competence in their speaking skills. Some information will be gathered through reading the information boards thus reinforcing the need to read for a purpose. When recording the information, pupils will need to consider purpose, audience, layout and language choices.

Pre-Visit

- ▶ The pre-visit task could be used to explore the importance of asking the right questions, e.g. open and closed questions.

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- ▶ The visit should provide opportunities for pupils to use their own observational skills, interviewing staff and using their own

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observational skills. Pupils should be aware that a mixture of all these will be required for the best results.

Post Visit

- ▶ Collation of their information, gained by questioning and recording information.
- ▶ Completion of their presentation/display.
- ▶ Completion of self-evaluation.

Enrichment Opportunities

- ▶ The same information could be used at a later stage in order to advertise the Donkey Sanctuary while writing to persuade.
- ▶ Students could design their own charity organisation.

Learning Outcomes

- ✓ Students will demonstrate their thinking, questioning, reading, speaking, listening and writing skills.
- ✓ They will demonstrate evidence of planning, creative thinking, gathering of information and the recording of it in an effective and engaging way.

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