# Collaborative Clandestine CPD?

Do you want to promote talk in the curriculum in your school? Do you have a subject or EAL responsibility? Do you have little opportunity to observe or work with your colleagues in other classes? Have you asked for INSET/CPD time and been put off?

Here is a way to share ideas and introduce effective classroom strategies clandestinely but not subversively!

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Three events clashed on 16th November 2019. NALDIC Conference, a CLP Saturday workshop and the decision of Tower Hamlets planning committee to allow the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to become a boutique hotel. We run monthlyish free development workshops for colleagues to meet on Saturdays to eat homemade biscuits and plan new activities together. Our November workshop clashed with NALDIC conference, so we created anxiety for the NALDIC events committee by inviting conference participants to do some undercover CPD while attending the conference. Many thanks to support from Robene from Mantra Lingua and those who tested out this activity and fed back suggestions. In addition to 'becoming' the inhabitants of the Whitechapel Road in 1817, some became rainforest animals. Also thanks to Brent history and geography subject leaders who first tested this activity out.



https://www.youtube.com/ Then search 'Tim Hunkin'



This activity will be ideal for any teacher or teaching assistant to run CPD clandestinely if the head tells you that there is no space until 2050 in the calendar to promote talk and/or raise awareness and also demonstrate ways of empowering EAL learners in mainstream classrooms.

There are two activities here for KS2 and KS3. A revised version of our Whitechapel Road activity already online in London History and our Rainforest Animals activity which is one of the activities you can find in Geography and Biology. We are working on adding a new activity on Amazon, not the river, but the folk that fulfil your online needs and appear in every internet search you make. This was inspired by a penny in the slot machine simulating work in an Amazon warehouse devised by Tim Hunkin. There is link on the left where you can try out his role play fulfilment work and even get a P45 for not doing well enough.

I hope your headteacher piles praise upon you for your initiative! Please send us your ideas for expanding this activity.

## Collaborative Clandestine CPD: How you might use these resources.

You will find below two sets of instruction sheets to introduce the principle of scaffolded role play in the curriculum. The instructions are the same on each sheet but the information is different.

The activity works with any number of participants either working all together in one room, which best illustrates how the strategy works in the classroom, or across the school at times suited to the participants.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to work with your colleagues together for a short time, then distribute a sheet to each person and ask them to follow the instructions to internalise some of the information for five minutes. Then, and this can be immediately or later, they need to join in pairs and present their information in their own words, adding anything they desire, in role if possible. If there is time then the pair can join another pair and in fours can then introduce each other to each other. Is that clear?! If not take a look at the pupil instructions for Romeo and Juliet.

If time constraints and the pressure of work make this impossible then you can distribute the instruction sheets and ask colleagues to meet up with one other when they have a moment to try out the technique. When everyone has had time you might want to ask the management for a brief opportunity for brief feedback in a staff meeting.

We have provided a blank version for you to produce your own topic or invite colleagues to do so. If you would prefer another topic then browse through our activities to find one you like. Or make one of your own and share it with us!

The largest number of colleagues we have tried this out on all together was about two hundred and fifty in Fort William. That was a few years ago and we are still getting feedback!

Please send your feedback and watch this space for additions and corrections. Last updated 1st July 2025.

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## Whitechapel Road 1817

No 34 WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY: We make bells: handbells, door bells, ships bells, clock bells, church bells and every other kind of bell. We even made the Liberty Bell twice, but it not our most successful bell!



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### Whitechapel Road 1817 No 60 HAYWARD AND TURNER: FLOOR CLOTH MANUFACTURER

We make floor cloths to protect carpets and furniture. The cloths are made of jute and hessian. We sell them to owners of houses who leave them empty for some of the year.



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## Whitechapel Road 1817 No 96 RAMSDENS: COLOUR MAKERS We mix different coloured earths with lead and lime to make paint, which we sell to housepainters and decorators.

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## Whitechapel Road 1817 No 99 KEVILL AND GRAYLING: TALLOW CHANDLERS AND OIL MEN: We make cheap candles from lamb fat and white candles from paraffin. We also sell lamp oil and firewood. We have dry spoke wood from Epping Forest for bakers' ovens.

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No 113 E. GUDGEON: SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER We make, sell and repair saddles and harnesses. A lot of pack horses and carriers' carts travel out of the docks. We also provide harnesses for brewery, coal and other heavy wagons including the new



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No 118 JOHN ALDERTON: CHEESEMONGER AND FACTOR We mature and sell cheese to the city, shops in the West End and to shipping companies. Some of our best cheeses come

from Lea Valley fields. We stock cheese with a thick rind that keeps well on long voyages



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No 127 W HENDEBOURK: TOBACCONIST AND SNUFFMAN

We sell the finest tobacco and snuff to City gentlemen. We also stock cheaper leaf for the men and women in the docks. The tobacco comes from Virginia and the Dutch East Indies. We sell clay pipes made in Plaistow.



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## Whitechapel Road 1817 No 141 PRICE AND CO: BRUSHMAKERS

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## Whitechapel Road 1817 No 144 J. BROMLEY: FURNISHING IRONMONGER We make up fireplaces, balconies, gates and railings. This decorative ironwork is bought by rich householders for the new houses in Mile End and Islington.

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No 148 JOHN BOWEN: CORN CHANDLER AND SEEDSMAN

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#### Whitechapel Road 1817 No 149 RICHARD AND HENRY FIELD: OIL AND COLOUR MEN We make up and sell dyes to the silk trade and paint to city decorators. We also sell lamp oil and sperm whale oil. We sell the earths to those who make barn paint.



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## Whitechapel Road 1817

No 153 WILLIAM WAKEFIELD: GOLD AND SILVERSMITH

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#### Whitechapel Road 1817 No 173 WILLIAM PORTER: WINES AND BRANDY MERCHANT We import French brandy and wines from Bordeaux. We sell our wines to city merchants and country gentlemen. We also sell cheap wines and spirits to local public houses and inns.

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### Whitechapel Road 1817 No 179 JAMES JANES: VENETIAN BLIND MANUFACTURER

We make the new Venetian blinds from best pine from Norway. We sell them to fashionable houses across London. We still make wooden shutters and window sashes. My neighbour casts the lead weights for the sashes.

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Information from the Street Directory for Whitechapel Road 1817

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## Rainforest Animals

I live in the canopy of the rainforest in India, Indonesia, China and Borneo.I have hook shaped hands and long arms. I can swing from branch to branch at up to 50 kilometres per hour. I can jump 8 metres. I eat fruit.



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#### Rainforest Animals Three Toed Sloth

I save my energy by being very slow. I am so slow that plants grow on me. I sleep up to 20 hours a day. I live most of my



life in trees and have long claws that help me to hang from branches. I eat leaves, shoots and fruit at night. I have extra bones in my neck and can turn it 270 degrees.

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## Rainforest Animals

I live in the Australian rainforest. I don't have wings but I have a membrane that stretches from my fingers to my toes. I can glide through the



air when I stretch this out. I hunt at night and have large eyes and ears that can turn to listen out for small animals or insects. I also like eating the sugary sap of trees.

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## **Rainforest Animals**

#### Green Iguana

I live in the Cenrral and South American rain forest. I can climb and swim well. I eat leaves and plants. I am popular as a pet and as food. I can grow to over one and a half metres long.



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Tarsier I live in the South East Asia rainforest. I am a primate but a very small one! I have long toes and can climb well. I have big eyes to hunt at night. I eat insects and small lizards and birds.



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# Rainforest Animals

I live in the Central and South American rain forest. I am a big cat. I can swim and climb well. I eat big and small animals. I have a very strong bite and can crunch through bone. I live and hunt on my own.



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### **Rainforest Animals**

Green Tree Frog I live in the South American rain forest. I have suckers on my feet and can climb right from the bottom to the top of the tall trees. I sleep



in the daytime under a leaf. I frighten animals that hope to eat me with my big bright red eyes and bright colour. I catch insects and moths with my long sticky tongue

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#### Rainforest Animals Rainforest Beetles



We beetles live in every rainforest in the world. There are millions of different kinds of us. Nobody has given most of us names yet. We may become extinct before we get a name.

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### **Rainforest Animals**

Pangolin

I live in the African and Asian rainforest. I am covered in scales. I feed at night and my favourite food is ants. I can tear open anthills with



my powerful claws. I cannot see very well but I have a very strong sense of smell. I hunt alone and I hunt at night. I am endangered because people catch me to eat.

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### **Rainforest Animals**



I live in the Asian rainforest. There are lots of different kinds of us. Some of us hunt at night and some in the day.

**Tree Shrew** 

I eat everything I can find: insects, small animals and plants. I have long claws to dig up insects. I am a primate and have a big brain. I live with other tree shrews and defend our territory.

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#### Rainforest Animals Silky Anteater

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# **Rainforest Animals**

Caterpillar You can find bright coloured caterpillars like me in every rainforest in the world. My bright colours



make other animals think that I am poisonous. I will turn into a butterfly or moth. There are hundreds of caterpillars like me that nobody has ever named or identified. I eat leaves and other plant material.

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### **Rainforest Animals**

Rainforest Beetles



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# **Rainforest Trees**

Buttress Roots We are the roots of rainforest trees. The soil is very poor and thin and the

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#### **Rainforest Animals**



Chameleon I live in the African rainforest but there are also chameleons in the desert. I have lots of different relatives.I eat insects. I have a

very long tongue which I can shoot out to catch my prey. I have very good eyesight and each of my eyes can move and swivel independently. I can change my colour so that can be good camouflage.

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# **Rainforest Animals**

Green Tree Python I live in the Indonesian and Australian rainforest. I wrap myself round branches and keep very still. I look out for small mammals.



dart out, catch them and squeeze them in my coils. I then swallow them. I can grow up to two metres long.

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# **Rainforest Animals**

Flying Squirrel I live in the Asian and Indonesian rainforests. I don't have wings. I have a thin membrane between my fingers and toes. I can glide



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#### Rainforest Animals Quetzal

I llive in the Central American rainforest. I am the national bird of Guatemala. I am very colourful, but this can be good camouflage. I eat fruit, nuts, insects and small frogs. I have a strong beak to crack nuts.



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Currently 17 rainforest animals and 1 tree included plus a blank sheet to add your own item (s).