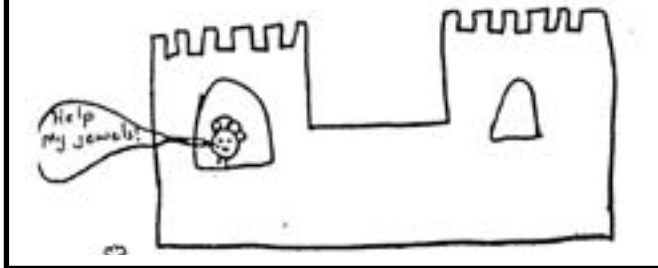


Macavity the Mystery Cat

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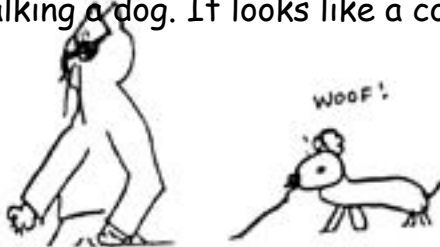
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Match Crimes and Alibis

Invent New Cat Crimes

1 sugar or 2



Alibi Card

Macavity was having tea with the Queen Mum when the corgi was stolen.

Macavity the Mystery Cat

Produced by Melanie Hart at Morpeth School in London Borough of Tower Hamlets in 1987. It has proved a very popular activity so we are pleased to be able to provide it online. As promised we have now begun to put the original drawings on the activity and I hope this will encourage you try it out. When we updated this we discovered two typos which had been lurking for thirty years! Is this a record?

The webaddress for this activity is:

<<http://www.collaborativelearning.org/macavity.pdf>>

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Basic principles:

1. Build on prior knowledge.
2. Move from concrete to abstract.
3. Ensure everyone works with everyone else.
4. Extend social language into curriculum language.
5. Provide motivating ways to go over the same knowledge more than once.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING PROJECT

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We support a network of teaching professionals to develop and disseminate accessible talk-for-learning activities in all subject areas and for all ages.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BASIC PRINCIPLES BEHIND OUR TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

The project is a teacher network, and a non-profit making educational trust. Our main aim is to develop and disseminate classroom tested examples of effective group strategies that promote talk across all phases and subjects. We hope they will inspire you to develop and use similar strategies in other topics and curriculum areas. We want to encourage you to change them and adapt them to your classroom and students. We run teacher workshops, swapshops and conferences worldwide. The project posts online many activities in all subject areas. Our online newsletter is also updated regularly.

*These activities are influenced by current thinking about the role of language in learning. They are designed to help children learn through talk and active learning in small groups. They work best in non selective classes where children in need of language or learning support are integrated. They are well suited for the development of speaking and listening . They provide teachers opportunities for assessment of speaking and listening.

*They support differentiation by placing a high value on what children can offer to each other on a particular topic, and also give children the chance to respect each other's views and formulate shared opinions which they can disseminate to peers. By helping them to take ideas and abstract concepts, discuss, paraphrase and move them about physically, they help to develop thinking skills.

*They give children the opportunity to participate in their own words and language in their own time without pressure. Many activities can be tried out in pupils' first languages and afterwards in English. A growing number of activities are available in more than one language, not translated, but mixed, so that you may need more than one language to complete the activity.

*They encourage study skills in context, and should therefore be used with a range of appropriate information books which are preferably within reach in the classroom.

*They are generally adaptable over a wide age range because children can bring their own knowledge to an activity and refer to books at an appropriate level. The activities work like catalysts.

*All project activities were planned and developed by teachers working together, and the main reason they are disseminated is to encourage teachers to work more effectively with each other inside and outside the classroom. They have made it possible for mainstream and language and learning support teachers to share an equal role in curriculum delivery. They should be adapted to local conditions. In order to help us keep pace with curriculum changes, please send any new or revised activities back to the project, so that we can add them to our lists of materials.

Macavity the Mystery Cat

Teachers' Notes

1. Make your own Mystery

We have left space on the cards for your artistic efforts and other items.

2. Paws Pairs

There are probably more cards here than you need for a pairs game, but we have matched crime and alibi so you can easily divide the set between two groups. We have provided blank cards for students to produce their own versions.

Macavity the Mystery Cat

Make your own Mystery!

Work in groups.

Look at the Cards.

Some cards have pictures of things a thief might find useful.
Some cards have pictures of things a police detective might need.
Some cards have pictures of things a thief might steal.
Can you sort them out?

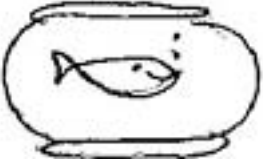
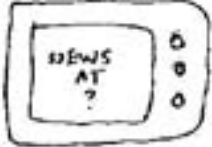
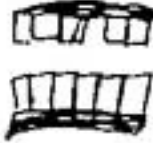



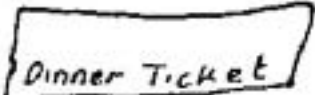

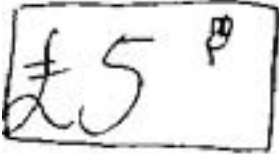



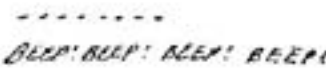



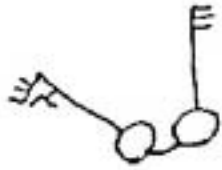









Now choose some of the cards to make a story:
e.g. " A thief wearing a mask used skeleton keys to steal the number 8 bus.."

Prepare your story to tell to other groups.


















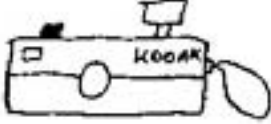



Macavity the Mystery Cat

Make your own Mystery Cards

<p>your pet</p> 	<p>your television</p> 	<p>your dad's false teeth</p> 	<p>your English teacher</p>
 <p>your class exercise books</p>	 <p>your toothbrush</p>	 <p>your street</p>	 <p>a school dinner ticket/pass</p>
<p>your CD player</p> 	<p>money</p> 	<p>your headteacher</p>	<p>the number 8 bus</p> 
<p>your pen (that is why you did not have it in class)</p> 	<p>jewels</p> 	<p>the school bell</p> 	 <p>the school public address system (thank goodness!)</p>
<p>soap</p> 	<p>striped sweater</p> 	<p>skeleton keys</p> 	<p>swag bag</p> 
<p>mask</p> 	<p>big black boots</p> 	<p>dynamite</p> 	<p>flat cap</p> 
<p>ladder</p> 	<p>magnifying glass</p> 	<p>torch</p> 	<p>rope</p> 

Macavity the Mystery Cat

Make your own Mystery Cards

<p>crowbar</p> 	<p>binoculars</p> 	<p>stethoscope</p> 	<p>handkerchief</p> 
 <p>truncheon</p>	 <p>police car</p>	 <p>hat</p>	 <p>handcuffs</p>
 <p>walkie talkie</p>	 <p>wanted posters</p>	 <p>grey rain coat</p>	 <p>disguises</p>
<p>finger printing kit</p> 	<p>notebook</p> 	<p>labels and bags</p> 	 <p>camera</p>
<p>identification card</p> 	 <p>torch</p>	<p>binoculars</p> 	

Crime Card

Someone stole the English exercise books. A note with a pawprint was left in their place.



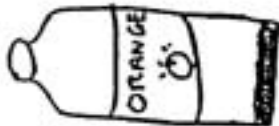
Alibi Card

Macavity was discussing 'Mice and Men' with the Head of English when the books were stolen.



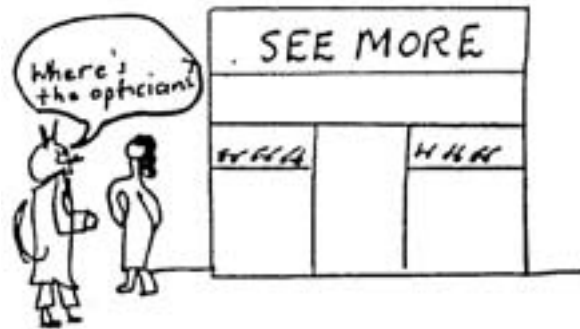
Crime Card

There is an empty bottle of orange juice in the refrigerator. Someone sees Macavity with orange round his whiskers.



Alibi Card

Macavity was visiting the optician when the refrigerator was rifled.



Crime Card

Someone sees Macavity with a milk bottle. Milk bottles are missing from the Prime Minister's front door.



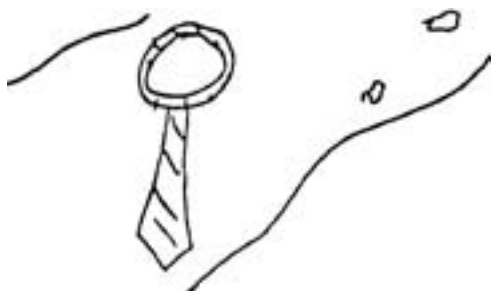
Alibi Card

Macavity has a receipt for his milk.



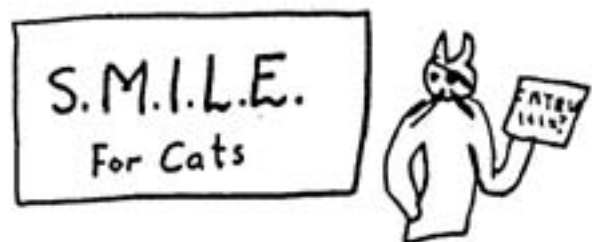
Crime Card

David Boggle has been kidnapped. The police find his school tie in the alley-way next to Macavity's own yard.



Alibi Card

Macavity was at his maths class when David Boggle went missing.



Macavity the Mystery Cat - Paws Pairs Cards



Crime Card

Someone drove off with the number 9 bus. The detectives found a ginger hair at the bus stop.

Alibi Card

Forensic experts say that the hair is not Macavity's.



Crime Card

A policeman is found handcuffed to a lamp post. A straggly whisker is found on the ground.



Alibi Card

Macavity was playing golf with the Chief of Police when the handcuffs went missing.



Crime Card

Someone sees Macavity with Mungojerrie and Griddlebone trying to divide 5000 by 3.



Alibi Card

Macavity was at a restaurant with his bank manager when the bank lost £5000.



Crime Card

Abdul's goldfish went missing. Macavity was seen at the fish and chip shop only buying chips.



Alibi Card

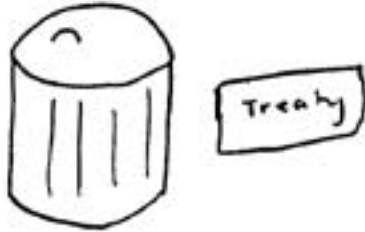
Macavity was fishing by the canal when Abdul's goldfish went missing.



Macavity the Mystery Cat - Paws Pairs Cards

Crime Card

A treaty is stolen from the Foreign Office. The police find an envelope with 'Treaty' written on it in Macavity's back yard.



Alibi Card

Macavity was at a famous restaurant with the foreign minister when the treaty was stolen.



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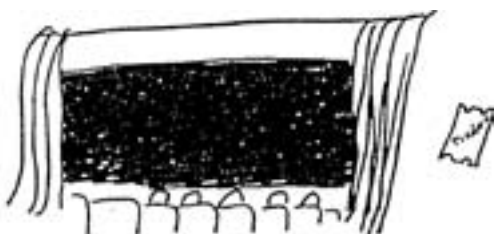
Alibi Card

Macavity was having tea with the Queen Mum when the corgi was stolen.



Crime Card

Someone steals the spotlights from the theatre. The police find a theatre ticket in Macavity's pocket.



Alibi Card

Macavity was at the cinema when the spotlights were stolen.



Macavity the Mystery Cat - Paws Pairs Blank Cards

Crime Card

Alibi Card

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A. Morpeth Weekly News

Although we have had a few successes with attendance this term, a serious disaster has ruined this record. one of our hundred per cent attenders, David Boggle, has been kidnapped. It happened on Monday morning as David was walking to school at 8.45 (to get to school on time). Abdul, his friend, said that a ginger cat had been following David. Yesterday his Mum received a ransom note from the kidnappers.

They want £5000. It was signed with a pawprint.

RAFFLE

Buy a school raffle ticket. Funds go to the David Boggle ransom money fund.

SCHOOL FAIR

If you have nothing to do on Saturday, why not run a stall at the school's summer fair. Or bring your own Rotweiler or T-bull terrier to compete in the lovely tender doggie competition.

B. The Guardian

The Foreign Office reported today that a treaty signed in 1903 between the USA and Britain has been stolen.

The Prime Minister told M.Ps. that the thief had been "typically selfish".

In London the police said that although a scrap of paper had been found on the stairs, it was only a document on teachers' wages that had been put in the wrong filing cabinet.

The police are sure that it must have been Macavity, because the theft followed the same pattern as the one at the Admiralty. However, with more crimes looming, the police are unable to indict Macavity. As one senior officer stated, "Macavity is never there!"

C. The Daily Excess

Our glorious Queen today is in tears after the theft of the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. How will she cope with only three and a half billion left in her account?

Police think that Macavity is the cat responsible. However, whenever they find him he is doing long division sums. He is probably working out how much money he has stolen from our wonderful Queen. One of the corgis has also gone missing.

The cat's wicked deeds are widely known. He works with Mungojerrie and Griddlebone. It is no wonder that standards in our country has dropped with such non-patriotic cats as these.

See inside pages for pictures of our desolate Queen.

D.

Shock
Horror

The Scum Only 20p

MACAVITY STRIKES

Macavity the Mystery Cat is on the Warpath again. This vicious beast, aged 12, with ginger hair, is stalking the alleyways of Britain, stopping lawabiding people from being safe in their beds.

Even today, Mr and Mrs Reginald Smythe, loyal Scum readers from Surrey, reported that three pints of best Jersey milk had been ruthlessly stolen from their spotlessly clean front doorstep.

The Scum says that this cannot go on. Depraved criminal cats should be stopped.

The Scum says: "Drown 'em all!!!!!!!"