

The Shopping Basket Props

Developed by Hannah Fitzgibbons and colleagues at Saturday story props workshops in Islington, these resources were prepared as a kit to support parents and staff for making up games and other activities around the book and are available online in bitesize bits. This pdf contains story props, which will need to be coloured in, laminated and if they have magnets stuck on the back they can be put on a radiator or magnet board and children can use them to tell the story to each other.

Webaddress:

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

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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 throughout the European Union. The project posts online many activities in all subject areas. An 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 oracy. They provide teachers opportunities for assessment of talk.

*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.

The Shopping Basket - Notes

The complete Shopping Basket resources consist of:

Sets of animals and places where events take place -

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

Sets of all the shopping items large and small (single items and sets of items), plus one set complete and one set incomplete (i.e. taken by animals) which can be used for matching, sequencing or lotto.

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

A set of story props

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

Sample track:

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

Guidance on track games:

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE GAMES:

Throw a "shopping" die and fill items on shopping list or

discard items from complete 'basket' as you throw the die.

Travel round the track home to shop, collect shopping, visit animals - some role play discard shopping etc. Also you could throw the correct number to 'visit' the animals or throw the correct number to escape. The possibilities are endless and of course, the children can produce variations









