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Teachers' Notes

Wordsearch

Children love word searches. They can provide an interesting introduction to a focussed theme or a fun activity during or towards the end of a topic based project. These word searches are centred on the theme of dogs by exploring the commitment involved in owning a dog and the role of Dogs Trust.

Children can choose from three wordsearches by using the on-screen menu. Each word search is designed to be used by individual pupils or pupils working in pairs or groups. The screens are interactive and so the search can be carried out in real time. To highlight a word pupils should click on the first letter of the word and drag their mouse to the end of the word. If they are correct the word will remain circled. If not, the appearance of the wordsearch won't change.

It would also be possible to use an individual search as a class activity using a class computer or interactive whiteboard. As an extension activity, children can design their own word searches.

Links to National Curriculum:

English

KS1

En 1: Group discussion and interaction

3a – to join in as members of a group and take turns in speaking

3b – to relate their contributions to what has gone on before

8d – speaking to different people including friends and the class teacher

9a – listening to each other

9b – listening to adults giving explanations and presentations

En 2: Reading

1f – read on sight high frequency words and other familiar words

7b – use dictionaries, encyclopaedias and other reference material

KS2

En 1: Group discussion and interaction

3a – make contributions relevant to the topic and take turns in discussion

En 2: Reading

1b – word recognition and graphic knowledge

3a – scan to find information

NLS

Y1 Term 1/2/3 W12/W10/W8: *new words and collections of personal interest words and words linked to particular topics.*

Y2 Term 1/2/3 W10/W10/W10: *new words linked to particular topics.*

Y3 Term 1/2/3 W13/W17/W12: *new words linked to work in other subjects.*

Y3 Term 2 W19: *to use dictionaries to learn or check spellings.*

ICT

KS1/2

5a – Pupils are taught knowledge skills and understanding through working with information and the different ways in which it can be presented

5b – Pupils are taught knowledge skills and understanding by exploring ICT tools