

Introduction

This is a literacy activity. It requires pupils to choose a random “audience” for their written or verbal answers. It is particularly effective as a verbal revision activity. Get pupils in order to explain the meaning of key words, for example, word list on ASE Science Year CD ROM (5) *AKA Science* .

Running the activity

Use a list of Key Words. Choose a pupil and a key word in turn. Throw a wooden cube die with the “audiences” written on the faces. Nice friendly CDT departments will cut several cubes off approximately 7cm square wood to act as dice. The words can be on stickers so that they can be changed.

Audiences (choose any six or make up your own)

Very old grandparent
Interview for a job
Six year old child
Trying to impress a girl / boy friend
Older brother to show you do know
Telling parent about interesting idea
Friend from overseas who does not speak much English
Blind person
School magazine
Tabloid newspaper sensational article

Safety

Not applicable.

Lesson outcomes

- Improved written or verbal answering skills

Where the activity fits in

With any age group and any piece of writing or speaking.

Skills

Vocabulary, mental agility.

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