



Talk Matters!

Talking Tins Activity Book

“Practical Speaking & Listening Activities”

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One of the most creative outcomes of using a recording device is the instantaneous and spontaneous way it can facilitate thinking. Instead of time being wasted agonising about what to write, the spoken word can be captured quickly and reviewed through listening, rather than reading.

For young children, those for whom English is an additional language, and those struggling to become independent readers, this is especially useful. Older pupils can really be challenged by the demands of focused listening and the opportunity to compare their responses with others.

The ideas in this book are designed to be fun, flexible and thought provoking. They are quick and easy to use and require the minimum of preparation. Regular opportunities for speaking and listening will quickly impact on the oral fluency and confidence of pupils.

The activities have been designed to stimulate thinking and writing in all areas of the curriculum. They are structured in simple steps, which will enable progression and challenge and they can easily be adapted.

Talking Tins enable quick recording of pupils' ideas to be done in a very simple way. Very young children can use it and it will facilitate some challenging thinking by older pupils.

Once you start using a Talking Tins you will soon develop more ideas to support speaking and listening. Let the pupils experiment and enjoy the pleasure of hearing themselves speak. It will really make a difference to the development of language skills in them all.

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Key Skills covered in each Section

Activities to support the development of Spoken Fluency & Listening Skills

- Development of pace, intonation and pitch in verbal communication
- Listening to and following spoken instructions
- To speak with clarity and use appropriate descriptive language
- Develop an understanding of audience, purpose and form

Activities to support Confidence with Words

- Learn how words are split up into syllables
- Sorting words using listening skills
- Ordering words such as: days of the week
- Matching spoken words with written words
- Select and use a range of descriptive language
- Use syntax and context correctly
- Understand rhythm, rhyme and rhyming structures in poetry
- Identify how punctuation influences interpretation
- To understand a writer's intention
- Empathise with characters

Activities to support the development of Writing

- Compose and write simple and complex sentences
- Understand and use tense correctly
- Explore and identify a range of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs
- Joining sentences together by selecting appropriate connectives
- To use exciting vocabulary
- To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas and events
- Shape material and ideas to connect with the audience
- Summarise information
- Use speaking and listening to support the writing of different genre
- Retell events
- Sequencing events in chronological order
- To develop an understanding of story structure
- To explore different story beginnings and endings

Activities to enhance the Learning Environment

Talking Displays:

- To use talk to bring displays to life
- To enable all children to access displays and keywords
- To enable school councils to speak directly to the school community
- To enable children to connect with their targets
- To enable children to evaluate work
- To ensure all displays are interactive Raising

Self Esteem:

- To use talk to explore choices
- To explore different view points
- To promote positive behaviour
- To develop knowledge of self

Book Contents

Activities to Support the Development of Spoken Fluency & Listening Skills

Basic Skills
Treasure Hunt
Guess Who
Giving and Following Directions
Draw What I Say (Barrier Game)
The Car Accident
The Car Accident 2
The Car Accident Map
Preparing and Rehearsing News Reports

Activities to Support the Confidence with Words

Syllables
Sequencing and Matching
Prepositions
Rhyme & Reason
Sequencing Stories
Thought Tracking
Hot Seating

Activities to Support the Development of Writing

Building Sentences 1
Building Sentences 2
Understanding the Writer's Craft
Story Making 1
Story Making 2
Draw a Story
Story Sequencing

Activities to Enhance the Learning Environment

Talking Displays
Magnetic Help Walls
Raising Self Esteem

Activity Resources

Templates & Images