

Language Facts Primary Resource

This primary resource features thirty facts about language and communication – both amongst humans and across the animal kingdom. How many languages are spoken worldwide? Which language has the world's largest alphabet? How do octopuses 'talk' to each other? How do rabbits indicate that an item belongs to them?

As well as fascinating facts and statistics about spoken language, pupils will learn about the incredible ways different species communicate in this National Geographic Kids' primary resource sheet.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks about language, culture and communication. It can be used as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

Activity:

Get the pupils to read through and discuss the facts on the primary resource – this could be done in small groups or together as a class. What do they find the most interesting? Do they know any other fascinating facts about language or communication? You could also ask the children if they know any words or phrases in other languages. If so, get them to write a word or phrase on the whiteboard and teach the other children how to say it!

As a fun activity, the pupils could play a communication-based game. A charades-style game may work well, where one child silently acts out a film, book or story to the class. Alternatively, give each pupil an item, book/film title, famous character, place or animal, which they must describe to the class, without saying its name. Can they describe it well enough for other pupils to figure it out?