

Review of 100+ Fun Ideas for Practising Modern Foreign Languages in the Primary Classroom

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This is a very useful and exhaustive catalogue of simple and complex activities for practising languages in the primary classroom. The ideas and suggestions can be linked to other curriculum areas and are as such generic, i.e. could apply to any foreign language taught. They provide intellectual stimulation and are a source of motivation as well as making learning fun.

There is a range of techniques obviously well tried and tested in the class over the years. I have found that the sections clearly indicate the type of activity for ease of reference. It would be very practical for a busy teacher to go to a specific section for ideas. When needed, there is some useful cross-referencing to the Framework, although these are not comprehensive. As a practising teacher I could easily select the activities that suit my style of teaching best and the instructions are generally clear. I also like the fact that each activity is on separate page.

This book is an excellent tool for the harassed teacher running out of ideas and is not too complicated to execute. It has also clear implications for transition issues to KS3 as most of the activities detailed are applicable in the secondary classroom. It can also be used to train PGCE student in developing classroom management and active learning.