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Introduction

Fun with Words is a book of creative activities focussing on words, designed for use with more able KS2 pupils.

It provides activities that the children will enjoy doing and that will make learning about words fun. By playing with words the children will not only extend their vocabularies, but will also come to understand how words work, how they can be used and how they are made. A key feature of the activity sheets is that many of them contain poems which make the activities more interesting.

The activities show how words can be built up and changed, for example by creating compound words and discovering anagrams. The children are encouraged to solve and create riddles and to experiment with words in a variety of wordplay activities, such as finding words hidden within words, and exploring jokes that are based on homophones. There are also activities focussing on word origins and obsolete words and pupils are invited to coin new words and to think of rhyming synonyms and adverbial puns.

The activities are designed to stretch and challenge more able pupils, especially those in Years 5 and 6, and can be used with either individuals or groups. The emphasis is on children having the opportunity to learn that playing with words can be fun, while at the same time enabling them to develop their language skills

Preface

The power of words

Words are clever, words are smart.
Communication is an art.

Always think about the words you choose,
'Cause words can puzzle, words can confuse.

Words can bewilder, words can bemuse.

Some words are very direct and precise,
Clear, explicit and concise.

Some words are crafty, cunning, sly.
Some words are dishonest, some words lie.

Some words are treacherous and betray.
Some words defy and disobey.

Some words are patient and tolerate.
Some words are prejudiced and hate.

Some words grin and make you smile.
Some words are vicious, some are vile.

Words can insult and cause offence.
Words can persuade and influence

Because the power of words is immense.

Words
are



The Power of Words is Immense
