

## Ideas for lessons:

On the following pages are included some subject matter for lessons. They are aimed at children of a variety of ages.

If you are ever looking for subject matter, the internet is an invaluable resource. It contains the basics of grammar, parts of speech, rhymes, song lyrics, cartoons, word/number games and lots more! Try Yahoo! Kids and [www.eslcafe.com](http://www.eslcafe.com) for starters.

## The Sounds of English

- Vowels
- Accents
- Phonics
- Annunciation
- Stress – word & sentence
- Pronunciation
- Intonation
- Rhythm
- Diagraph (blending consonants e.g. Church)
- Diphthongs (vowels x2 e.g. encyclopaedia)

## Difficult to say

- “z”
- “j”
- “sh”
- “th”
- “f”

## Grammar

- Verbs
- Nouns
- Adverbs
- Pronouns
- Syntax
- Assonance
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Palindrome
- Onomatopoeia
- Oxymoron
- Alliteration
- Personification
- Symbolism

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Encourage them to use the 5 “Ws” (Question words)

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?

## Find out about me

Write your answers on a blank piece of paper, numbered 1-12.

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- 1 Write down the surname of a famous person (dead or alive) who was born in your country.
  - 2 Write down the name of the town or village where you were born.
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1. Write down two adjectives to describe your character (e.g. kind, honest, mean, jealous, etc.).
  2. Write down the year and place when you first went abroad. If you have never been abroad, write down the year and place you went to for your first holiday.
  3. Write down who you would be if you could be any person in the world (someone who is still alive).
  4. Write down your favourite possession (e.g. a car, a ring, a computer, etc.).
  5. Write down your full name (including all your first names) in CAPITAL LETTERS.
  6. Write down a year when you felt really happy.
  7. Write down the name of the subject at school you are/were worst at.
  8. Write down what you consider to be the ideal number of children in a family.
  9. Write down the name of the most beautiful area or city in your country.
  10. Write down the nickname of someone you know really well.
  11. Write down three things you really like doing (e.g. going to parties, playing video games, cooking, etc.)
  12. Write down what you would be if you could have any job in the world.
  13. Write down the telephone number of someone you phone a lot.
  14. Write down the name of the teacher at school you like/liked most.
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Now take it in turns to ask and answer about the different names, dates, etc. that

you see. Try to get your partner to talk as much as possible!

## Metaphors

- A metaphor a figure of speech where one thing is compared to another.
- Sometimes the comparison is direct and obvious.
- Sometimes it's not so obvious.

### *Examples*

These are all simple metaphors:

- **He's a wizard with the ball.**
- **She worked her fingers to the bone.**
- **They were swamped with orders.**

### *Use*

- Metaphors are often used in creative writing such as poetry and short stories.
- They are often used in adverts and in political speeches.
- In metaphors, a vivid picture is created by a few key words.

Ordinary writing describes things in plain language:

- **'This skateboard is made of wood'.**

But in a metaphor, one thing is compared to another. Or it is described as if it were the other. Here's an example:

- **'His board has got wings!'**

We know that this is not **really** true. But it adds the idea of **speed** and **flying** to the statement.

Here is another example, from the words of a pop song:

- **'The sun is a big yellow duster  
polishing the blue, blue sky'**

The sun is being compared to a duster. This is good - because dusters are often yellow like the sun. Just as the sun **seems** to move in the sky, removing grey clouds, a duster moves to polish a surface and clear it of dust.

Taken from: <http://www.buzzin.net/english/metaphor.htm>

## Tongue Twisters

She sells sea shells by the sea shore.  
The shells she sells are surely seashells.  
So if she sells shells on the seashore,  
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

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Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

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A noisy noise annoys an oyster.

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Six sharp smart sharks.

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Swan swam over the sea,  
Swim, swan, swim!  
Swan swam back again  
Well swum, swan!

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One-One was a racehorse.  
Two-Two was one, too.  
When One-One won one race,  
Two-Two won one, too.

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Taken from: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8136/tonguetwisters.html>