

Vocabulary building activities

Activity 1

What am I?

1. I am part of a house, you look through me. (window)
2. I am part of a cup, you hold me. (handle)
3. I have legs, a mattress and a pillow. (bed)
4. I'm a prickly thing. I sleep from autumn to spring. (hedgehog)
5. I've four legs and you sit on me. (chair)
6. I'm black + white + read all over. (paper)
7. I carry your books to school. (school bag)
8. I've two arms and I tell the time. (clock)
9. I've a handle you open me to enter or leave. (door)
10. I'm full of rubbish. (bin)
11. I ring and you answer. (telephone)
12. You can cut with me. (scissors)
13. I can explain words for you. (dictionary)
14. I am made from wool, I have fingers and thumbs. (gloves)
15. I swim in a pond and go quack. (duck)
16. I lock the door. (key)
17. I am used by many and blow a lot of hot air. (hairdryer)
18. I am in the computer room, I don't have legs but the mention of my name can frighten people. (mouse)
19. I have four prongs and you use me at dinner. (fork)

Activity 2

What could you use to:

1. Pound a nail into a wall
2. Prevent a tree from blowing over in wind
3. Hold the window open
4. Get a cobweb down from a high ceiling
5. Paint picture if you have paints but no brush.
6. Mop up a spill
7. Rescue somebody who's drowning
8. Cut a piece of wood
9. Catch a wild animal/fish/mouse
10. Buy something
11. Make your hair curly
12. Break a window
13. Find a direction
14. Contact someone overseas
15. Invite somebody to a party
16. Write a letter
17. Eat rice / soup / stew / meat
18. Wake you up in the morning
19. Keep paper on a notice board
20. Catch a mouse

Activity 3

Rapidly naming things in different categories

You have one minute to name things that belong to a certain category:

1. Farm animals
2. Zoo animals
3. Things that come in bottles
4. Things that come in tins
5. Furniture
6. Types of cars
7. Shops
8. Occupations
9. Hobbies
10. Sweets
11. Toys
12. Fruit
13. Clothes
14. Countries
15. Counties/Towns
16. Insects
17. Computer games
18. Musical instruments
19. Teachers in school

Activity 4

Finishing sentences by adding a rhyming word:

1. Rain, rain, go away, come again another (day)
2. Don't turn around yet, you might get (wet)
3. The party's not far we can go in my (car)
4. I'll give you a dare, shake hands with a (bear/mare)
5. The man in the van had a (tan)
6. It was a hot day so we went to the (bay)
7. Jack put the rat in the (hat)
8. You must come to school, that is the (rule)
9. Put petrol in the car so we can go (far)
10. Go to the window, look out and see, there is something growing we call it a (tree) (tree)
11. You ask me why I walk so slow, turning the corner I stubbed my.... (toe)
12. We climbed up the mountain to drink from the (fountain)
13. Have no fear, I am (near/here)
14. Make each day sunny, by telling jokes and being (funny)
15. You'd better run fast or you'll come in (last)
16. If you don't look, I might read this (book)
17. Stop those fools they're breaking the (rules)
18. When I start to sing let all the bells (ring)
19. Sit down, put up your hand, then we'll listen to the (band)

20. I went to the shop to buy a mat but all I came home with was a
(cat/hat/rat)