

THE CARNIVAL BUS

Teacher's Notes

Age: 6-8 yrs

Aims: To introduce or revise Carnival vocabulary and to present the question, *What's this?*

Time: Approx. 30 minutes

Materials

- Squares of blank white paper prepared by teacher, at least one for each child.
- 1 copy of Worksheet 1 per child for follow up activity
- A hole punch or a pair of scissors

Instructions

- 1 First prepare squares of blank white paper, not more than 10cm x 10cm, at least one for each child in the class, and a few extra.
- 2 Give out the squares of paper and ask the children to say the names of costumes you can wear during Carnival, e.g. monsters, clowns, kings, queens, witches, etc. Draw one or two of the costumes on the board. The children may shout out words in Spanish, but you should echo the words back in English.
- 3 Ask the children to draw a Carnival costume on their piece of paper. Point to the drawings on the board to give them some ideas.
- 4 Ask the children to move the desks in order to make a bus (put the chairs in two rows of two with a passage down the middle, as in a bus, with one chair at the front for a driver).
- 5 Choose one child as a driver (it's a good idea if you have a hat for the driver!).
- 6 Say *OK, everyone on the Carnival bus with your tickets!* Hold up a square of paper. Get the children onto the bus, with the bus driver checking that they have a ticket.
- 7 Tell the driver to drive the bus, and put your hand up to stop the bus, as you are the ticket inspector. The bus stops, the driver opens the door, and you get on the bus, and walk down the bus, stopping and asking *Tickets, please!* One child gives you his/her ticket. Look at the drawing and ask *What's this?* and the child has to tell you the name of the costume represented on the ticket. If the child says the word correctly, you can punch a hole in the ticket, at the side (a normal hole punch can be used, or some scissors to snip off a corner is an alternative). If the child cannot say what it is in English, ask the other children on the bus if they know the word.
- 8 Go through the whole bus asking the same question.
- 9 When finished, ask the bus driver to stop, tell everyone to get off the bus, and sit down and colour their ticket with their carnival drawing on.
- 10 Finally, put the tickets on the board and elicit the costumes that the children have drawn on their tickets.

Follow up Materials

- A copy of Worksheet 1 per child

Instructions

- 1 Hand out a copy of Worksheet 1 to each child, ask *What costumes can you see?* and wait for their responses.
- 2 Ask the children to draw the costume outlines and colour them in.
- 3 If children can write, you can ask them to trace the words that are below each picture.
- 4 When children have finished, get them into pairs and they can point to each other's pictures and ask the question *What's this?* and answer the question.