

VALENTINE'S DAY

Teacher's Notes

Aims

To revise and reinforce a range of vocabulary. To introduce the concept of similes.

Materials

There are two downloadable Worksheets to accompany the activities.

ACTIVITY 1

Wordsearch (8–10yrs)

Materials

A copy of Worksheet 1 per pupil.

Instructions

- 1 Ask the children what they know about Valentine's Day. Talk to them about the traditions of the day. Make sure to cover all the words that are included in the gap fill activity – cards, February, flowers, chocolate, fourteenth, heart, red roses, love, romance.
- 2 Give a copy of Worksheet 1 to each pupil and ask them to fill in the gaps and then find the completed words in the Valentine wordsearch.

ACTIVITY 2

Simile match-up (10–12yrs)

Materials

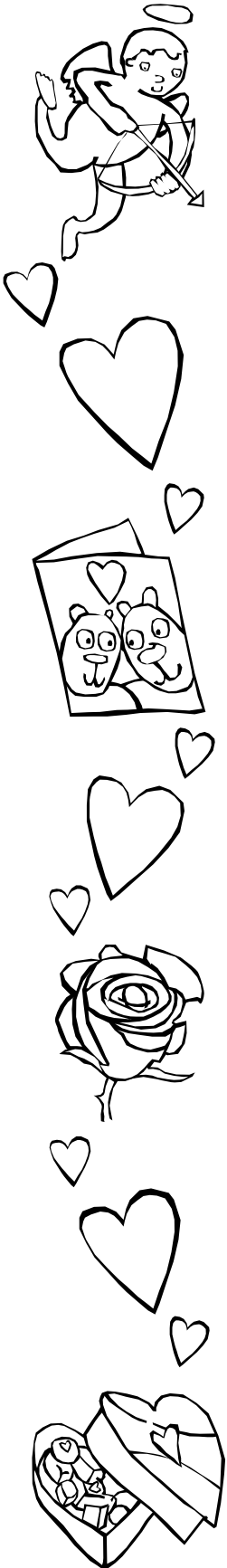
A copy of Worksheet 2 between 2 pupils.

Instructions

- 1 Before you start this activity you may need to introduce and/or revise the vocabulary.
- 2 Give a copy of Worksheet 2 to each pair of pupils. Ask them to carefully cut out the cards.
- 3 The idea is to create similes by matching up the adjectives with the picture nouns, e.g. as deep as the sea, as sweet as sugar.
- 4 Go around the class and help those pupils who are having problems.
- 5 When all the cards have been matched up, write the answers up on the board and ask pupils to read them out. Encourage the pupils to make up similes of their own using the blanks cards at the bottom of the Worksheet.

Suggestion

These activities can be done in preparation for making Valentine's Day cards in class. The new vocabulary can be put into practise when designing the cards.



- 1 C _ _ _ DS are given on Valentine's Day.
- 2 _ _ _ _ RU _ _ _ _ is the month in which Valentine's Day falls.
- 3 _ _ _ _ W _ _ _ _ and _ HO _ _ _ _ AT _ are often given as presents on Valentine's Day.
- 4 Valentine's Day is on the _ _ _ _ TE _ _ TH of February.
- 5 The H _ _ _ _ T symbolises love.
- 6 _ _ _ D RO _ _ _ _ are the flowers associated with Valentine's Day.
- 7 L _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ ANCE are celebrated on Valentine's Day.

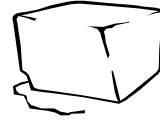
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As white as...



As hard as...



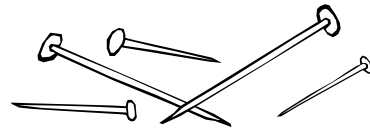
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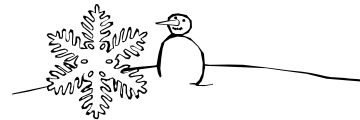
As high as...



As light as...



As sweet as...



As cold as...



As dry as...

