

Exploring Sounds – Phonic Grid

Purpose

This activity encourages pupils to consider phonic rules in French. It can help to develop confidence in reading and matching sound to written word.

Objective

- ✓ to sort, classify and group words
- ✓ to make connections
- ✓ to develop listening skills

Preparation

Pupils work in groups of 2 or 3. Each group will need:

- 1 phonic grid
- 1 set of phonic cards

It is advisable to use no more than 10 phonic words in any one session and to concentrate on just a few sounds at a time.

Starter

Display phonic grid on power point or Smartboard and practise sounds. It is a good idea to introduce a beat or rhythm to assist recall. “We will rock you” by Queen is a good one.

Main sounds in story: a; e; è é; i; u; our; o; an; on;

Activity

Give out set of 10 words. Say each word and ask groups to place in order in which you say them.

Give out phonic grids.

Now ask groups to sort the words by sound endings placing each word in correct column of the grid.

Ask groups to compare notes.

Invite groups to feed back to whole class by listing words in one of the columns.

Invite comment from other groups. Any uncertainties should be verified by listening to the animated version of the story.

Debrief

Ask pupils what they learned and found surprising about the language through the process. What skills did they use? i.e. listening, discussing, reasoning, etc

a	e	è	é	i	u

a	e	è	é	i	u
a	de	courait	continué	dit	tu
va	le	poursuivait	commencé	mis	du
vas	yeux	arrivait	sauté	y	plus
seras	que	était	regardé	rempli	descendu
ça	queue	vais	appelé	si	rue
attraperas	gouteux	après	pesé	assis	vu
pas	deux	prêt	versé	sorti	salut
ma	te	parfait	mélangé	ici	entendu
sa	peux	descendait	roulé	envie	
bas	ne	mais	coupé	poursuivi	

our	o	è	é	i	
four	chaud	jamais	chercher	aussi	
pour	bientôt	es	mouiller	suis	
cours	dos	est	croquer	porcherie	
toujours	haut	des	traverser	gris	
		les	allé	écurie	
		fait	aider	petit	
		j'ai	mastiquer	souri	
		traverserai	utilisé	réjouir	
		et	crié		
			affamé		

an	on	in	é		
grand	bouton	pain	nez		
vraiment	boutons	viens	volé		
en	bonbon	jardin	jeté		
comment	bonbons				
pendant	cochon				
dans	marron				
champ					
maintenant					
nageant					
directement					