Create a Character Story



Objective

Developing characters and plot in narrative writing.



Equipment

- Enrich school orienteering map
- Activity Sheets
- Follow-on Activity Sheets.



Preparation

- Children could do this activity in pairs or small groups
- Provide each pair/small group with a copy of an Activity Sheet and an Enrich school orienteering map.
- Before they start, children need to visualise a character – will their character be a boy or a girl?
- Through the activity, children will progressively build up ideas for a detailed picture of their character, based on a scenario (achieving their ambition / overcoming something they are afraid of / a dark secret)
- Children should be encouraged to discuss each question on their Activity Sheet as they carry out the activity, so that they build up plenty of ideas about their character.
- Teachers can either use the prepared Activity Sheets or insert their chosen control points into the editable Activity Sheets.



Instructions

- Children use their Enrich school orienteering map to visit each of the 6 selected control points. These need to be visited in order
- At each control point they record the 1st number on the control marker and look at the question linked to that control point.
- As they walk to the next control point, they discuss this question about their character. They can make notes from their discussion on their Activity Sheet.
- They use their discussions about the questions to build up ideas for a detailed picture of their character.



Other information

• From the ideas that children generate during the activity and the notes that they make on their Activity Sheet, they can compose a story, based on the character that they have created.

