

Chinese whispers for science



Background

A playful way to improve speaking and listening skills in a science focused context.

The challenge of speaking comprehensibly and understanding is more difficult because of the low volume and a greater mastery of pronunciation is required. It is also a playful exercise for building vocabulary generally by improving children's speaking and listening skills.

Equipment

- Wildflower playing cards

Activity

- Arrange the children into 2 teams
- Get each team to line up
- The first child in the line gets a wildflower card at random
- They have to transmit a description of the flower by whispering into the ear of the child next in line
- The last child in the line must read out the description and compare to the original
- The winning team is the one who knows the name of the flower
- If neither team knows the flower then they repeat the exercise but with the flower name
- the first team to shout it out is the winner

Review

- Discuss the art of communication
- What skills would make it easier?