

Sample Activities

If an Alien Came to the U.K.

Aims:

Designed for pupils to:

- explore their images of the U.K,
- recognise that we can each have our own perceptions of the same place,
- recognise the partial nature of people's sense of place,
- recognise similarities and draw comparisons.

Resources:

Plain paper, pencils and black felt tips.

Optional: pictures of the U.K.

Activity outline:

Tell the pupils that they have been visited by an alien from out of space who has never been to the U.K. before. Ask them to think individually about what would be important to show the alien. Ask the students to then write a list or draw a picture to represent their ideas.

In pairs ask the pupils to consider the following questions:

- a. Are there any similarities between the lists / pictures?
- b. Are there any differences between the lists / pictures?
- c. What impression of the U.K. would the alien get?
- d. Would the alien get an accurate picture of the U.K.?
- e. Where have you got your ideas from for your list / picture?

Optional: Photocopy all the pictures and exchange with your link school.

When you have received the information from your link school ask the students to compare their own lists/pictures with their link schools and consider the above questions.

Pupil comments / sample material –

Relevant Key Stage/s:

KS2

'I would like to take him to a church and a school'.

'I would take the alien on a roalaycoaster'.

'I would take the alien to see the England flag'.

'I would take it to my school so it can learn good and bad'.

'There are people called police who go after you if you do anything wrong'.

'This is Big Ben and Houses of Parliament'.

'I would like to show him the animals they are'.

Sample pictures by pupils from a Year 4 class.

Useful resource packs / websites:

**Speaking for Ourselves, Listening to Others, Leeds
Development Education Centre.**