

Lesson Plan 4 – Hiberno-English & Folklore

Activity 1 (5 minutes)

Hiberno-English

Discuss what the term Hiberno-English means

Use the videos of Crocodile Dundee, Usain Bolt and Jessica Simpson to show that there are different types of English. Have the pupils do any accents that they might know.

Activity 2 (10 minutes)

True or false

Give out red and green cards. Ask the pupils if each word is from Irish or not. Have the pupils discuss as a group what they think and then have them vote by holding their cards in the air.

Have the pupils write down any words they know from other languages or words and phrase and find strange. Discuss these words to see if any come from the Irish language.

Activity 3 (10 minutes)

Matching game and PowerPoint

Put the pupils into pairs. Give out worksheet and ask them to match up the pairs of words. Discuss the answers. Then show them a selection of common words that come from Irish, words that they use in English every day.

Activity 5 (5 minutes)

What is folklore?

Ask pupils if they know what folklore is. Explain what it is in general terms, and make sure they understand that storytelling is an integral part of folklore. Explain why storytelling exists – entertainment. Using map of Europe, and pictures of Hercules, Cú Chulainn & Achilles, hint at the international element of the tales.

Activity 6 (15 minutes)

Chantifiable

Tell the pupils what a *chantifiable* is. Explain that folklore stories are akin to parables in the bible, that there are morals in the tales. See if they know any parables already. Tell the pupils they will have to look out for the morals in the story and say discuss them at the end.

Tell the story of the *Three Pieces of Advice*. Make it active where needs be, sad in places etc. Don't be boring!

Teach the song. Boys can join in with Peadar's lines, girls with Peigín's and everyone should sing the chorus.

Activity 7

Home work – creative writing

For the pupils to understand that there are certain elements which remain constant in stories all around Europe, have them write a story. The story must contain 3 common elements.

For example;

- A talking cat.
- A magic oak tree.
- An evil fairy.

They will see that none of their stories are exactly the same, but that they are very similar – just like Achilles, Cú Chulainn and Hercules

Resources

Videos of people speaking in three different accents

Red and green true or false cards

PowerPoint presentation

Words to the song