



Into Independence:
Thematic Unit
Active Lives
Learning for Life and Work (SLD)

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Unit Title: Into Independence

Sub Theme: Active Lives

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities: Managing Information

Curriculum Objective: To develop the young person as a contributor to society

Key Elements: Personal understanding, mutual understanding, moral character, citizenship, personal health, cultural understanding

Attitudes and Dispositions: Personal responsibility, concern for others, openness to new ideas, community spirit, flexibility, respect, tolerance

Learning Experiences: Linked to other curriculum areas, relevant and enjoyable, media-rich, skills-integrated, active and hands on, offers choice, challenging and engaging, supportive environment, positive reinforcement, varied to suit learning style, ongoing reflection

The Thematic Units connect the *Learning for Life and Work* subject strands of Personal Development, Local and Global Citizenship,
Home Economics and Employability and demonstrate how they contribute to the understanding of a central theme. They provide a number of learning, teaching and assessment activities (and are accompanied by supporting resources) to help you address, interpret and develop the Northern Ireland Curriculum's key elements and Statements of Minimum Requirement.

Each Thematic Unit contributes to the statutory requirement for Learning for Life and Work and also links to other Areas of Learning. In addition, there are opportunities to develop learners' Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities, incorporate Assessment for Learning principles and make connections to the Cross-Curricular Skills.

The units are not intended to be prescriptive and are not the only way to approach the Northern Ireland Curriculum. You do not have to follow them rigidly. Instead, we encourage you to choose from the wide range of learning, teaching and assessment activities in the units and adapt and extend them as appropriate for your classes.

Statements of Minimum Requirement

These are the Statements of Minimum Requirement that are addressed in this unit:

Local and Global Citizenship Diversity and Inclusion

Investigate ways in which individuals and groups express their identity

Personal Development Personal Health

Develop strategies to promote personal safety

Personal Development Self-Awareness

Explore and express a sense of self

Local and Global Citizenship Democracy and Active Participation

Investigate why rules and laws are needed, how they are enforced and how breaches of the law affect the community

Personal Development Self-Awareness

Explore the different ways to develop self-esteem, for example enhanced self-awareness, sense of security and self-worth, setting achievable targets, developing resilience, new interests and skills, learning to recognise achievement, etc.

Employability Work in the Local and Global Economy

Investigate how work organisations contribute to the community

Local and Global Citizenship Equality and Social Justice

Investigate how and why some people may experience inequality/ social exclusion on the basis of their material circumstances in local and global contexts

Local and Global Citizenship Democracy and Active Participation

Investigate an issue from a range of viewpoints and suggest action that might be taken to improve or resolve the situation

Key Question	Learning Intention Learners will have opportunities to	Possible Learning, Teaching and Assessment Activities	Skills and Capabilities
What is leisure?	explore differences between activities.	This sub-unit aims to equip learners with knowledge and skills that will help them pursue appropriate leisure activities both at school and throughout their adult lives.	Ask focused questions
		As a class, discuss and describe leisure. Ask individual learners what they like to do when they're not at school. Draw the learners' attention to what leisure means and how it differs from work. Working through Resource 1 together, use the interactive whiteboard to highlight the differences between work and leisure. Resource 1: What Is Leisure?	Communication – Listen to and take part in discussions, explanations, role plays and presentations
		Ask the class to think about why leisure is important. Draw out the following points: - it helps keep us healthy; - it helps us develop skills; and - it gives us the chance to spend time with family and friends.	Communication – Contribute comments, ask questions and respond to others' points of view
		Use Resource 2 to investigate ways in which leisure activities can help people. After they complete the matching exercise, ask your learners to suggest other activities and the benefits of taking part in them. Together create a new sheet about the advantages of leisure, similar to Resource 2, based on their ideas. Resource 2: Why Do We Need Leisure?	



Resource Sheet in this booklet



Online Activity (OA) or PowerPoint Activity (PP) available from www.nicurriculum.org.uk

Skills tabs printed in orange are Cross-Curricular Skills

Skills tabs printed in **yellow** are Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

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What is leisure?	explore differences between activities.	Next, use Resource 3 to stimulate discussion and begin to explore a broad range of different types of leisure activity together. You could highlight the following categories: - active/inactive; - sports/hobbies/crafts; - indoor/outdoor; - local facilities or attractions/home-based activities; and - activities that you can enjoy alone/with a partner/in a group. Resource 3: Types of Leisure Give your learners an opportunity to complete the Online Activities provided to reinforce the theme: OA: Active Lives	

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What do we do in our leisure time?	use evidence and interpret information.	Having identified some different categories and benefits of leisure together, begin to investigate the leisure preferences of the class. You could use Resource 4 as a starting point for this, and/or incorporate ICT by using Number Box. You could also allow the learners to produce a classroom display of their favourite leisure activities that includes bar or pie charts. To convey the message that leisure is for life, include the	Use a range of methods for collating, recording and representing information Select, classify, compare and evaluate information Using
	cards. Use these as a starting point for class discussion, asking each learner to see their favourite activity; an activity that they dislike; and an activity that they would like to try.	compare and evaluate	
		- an activity that they dislike; and	Using Mathematics – Use ICT to solve problems and/or present their work
			Using Mathematics – Read, interpret, organise and present information

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What do we do in our leisure time?	use evidence and interpret information.	Next, explore which of the activities one person can carry out alone and which need at least two people. Draw on the learners' own experiences, and ask if they think some activities can fall into both categories. Provide copies of Resource 6 to consolidate their learning.	Communication – Use non-verbal methods to express ideas and engage with the listener Communication – Communicate information, meaning, feelings, imaginings and ideas in a clear and organised way Using ICT –
		As you work through the rest of this unit, seek out opportunities to allow the learners to take part in a range of games and other portable, table-top activities that they enjoy, for example at times when they have to wait for others. This can help to illustrate the concept of individual leisure activities. Resource 6: By Myself? Use Resource 7 to highlight the individual's right to personal preferences in the light of the variety of leisure activities available. You could develop this by choosing a few members of the class with particular interests and exploring leisure activities available to them in their own locality. Resource 7: What Could They Do?	Communicate information, meaning, feelings, imaginings and ideas in a clear and
			Using ICT – Access and manage data and information

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What might influence our	different age groups might prefer, including: - young children; - teenagers (i.e. the learners themselves); - adults; and - the elderly. Use Resources 8 and 9 to focus the learners' attention and their experiences. Ask why they think the activities that peolitime (for example they might have different interests, lifesty) Resource 8: Leisure for All Resource 9: Who Does What? You could also ask if the learners think males and female leisure activities. Ask the learners:		Select, classify, compare and evaluate information
activity?		- adults; and	Plan and set goals and break a task into sub-tasks
			Communication – Find, select and use information from a
			range of sources Using Mathematics –
		You could also ask if the learners think males and females tend to prefer different	Develop financial capability
		- Are you going to take part in a leisure activity this evening?	
		Discuss activities that they do during weekends or holiday periods, highlighting that some activities take a short time while others can take a week or longer. Use Resource 10 to rank periods of time and match them to suitable activities. Explore	
		the reasons why some activities require much more time than others (for example you need to prepare materials or spend time travelling). Resource 10: If I Had A	

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What might influence our choice of leisure activity?	examine realistic leisure options.	Use the internet and/or local press to examine possible leisure choices for the following time frames: - a day trip; - a weekend; - a week; and - a fortnight. To contextualise the learning, discuss family holidays and/or any day trips or holidays run by the school. You could also create a classroom display to illustrate these for the learners.	
		Use Resource 11 to help your learners consider how some activities require payment and others do not, taking the opportunity to emphasise that some very worthwhile leisure pursuits are free or inexpensive. Together investigate which activities require payment and why some cost more than others. Where appropriate, extend the discussion by introducing the concept of 'value for money'. School activities such as swimming or horse-riding are often subsidised, and you could use these as examples that offer good value for money for the learners. Resource 11: Pay to Play? As an extension activity, you could allow your learners to investigate leisure activities that can be done within a budget. Begin by allocating an amount of money. Then have the group plan an activity that they can afford, taking into consideration	

what things can I is locate sources of information. do at home? Encourage your learners to think about the activities that they do at nome. Review how they spend their leisure time outside school in more detail. Ask them to keep a record for one week (with help from home) of the leisure activities they take part in, making sure to include a weekend. Stress that they should record honestly how much time they spend watching television and taking part in sedentary activities. To give greater impact to the learners' findings, create charts using Number Box that display how they each spent their leisure time. If these highlight a disproportionate amount of time spent watching TV and playing games consoles, review together some of the healthier leisure choices that the learners have come across during this unit. Through further discussion, encourage them to think of one	ls and abilities
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or two small changes that they could make to improve their lifestyle.	hematics – d, interpret, inise and sent informatior athematical

Resource 12 highlights different activities that are normally done inside or outside the home. You could display the pictures on the interactive whiteboard to engage all the class in discussion and/or provide individual worksheets to consolidate their learning.



Resource 12: Inside or Outside?

Key Question	Learning Intention Learners will have opportunities to	Possible Learning, Teaching and Assessment Activities	Skills and Capabilities
What things can I do at home?	locate sources of information.	As well as reviewing the names of some leisure activities, you can use Resource 13 to consider together how taking part in particular activities might affect others at home. For example, you could ask: — Is it okay to watch television or play the guitar very loudly if someone else is studying? — Is it safe to play darts if the board is badly positioned or young children are around?	
		Encourage the learners to consider ways that they could adapt the activities pictured to make sure they are appropriate and safe. Resource 13: Life of Leisure!	

Key Question	Learning Intention Learners will have opportunities to	Possible Learning, Teaching and Assessment Activities	Skills and Capabilities
What things can I do in my community?	communicate effectively.	To develop your learners' awareness of their local community, together investigate the leisure facilities in the area around the school. If these include a leisure centre that they are familiar with, use this as a starting point.	Use own and others' ideas to locate sources of information
		Take the class on a trip to the leisure centre, and carry out a survey of what it offers and what it charges for each activity. You could use Resource 14 as a basis for the survey. Where it suits the needs and abilities of your learners, you could also include questions such as:	Select the most appropriate method for a task
		 Are you comfortable with the changing room facilities? Does the swimming pool include a Jacuzzi or sauna? If so, how do you use them? Do they cost extra? 	Communicate with a sense of audience and purpose
		 How much is it to hire a five-a-side football pitch? How many people could play? How much would it cost each? Resource 14: Leisure Centre Investigation 	Use a range of methods for collating, recording and representing information
		Next, focus on developing the learners' knowledge and understanding of the other leisure facilities available to them. These could include entertainment venues and places of interest such as museums, theatres and amusements. Use Resource 15 to consolidate their learning.	Communication – Find, select and use information from a range of sources
		Resource 15: Leisure in My Community	

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What things can I do in my community?	communicate effectively.	Together use the learners' ideas and local newspapers, advertisements and websites to make a list of places in the area where people can spend their leisure time. Where appropriate, highlight some recent developments in leisure and culture in Northern Ireland to enable the learners to create a PowerPoint presentation, for example: - how Belfast has undergone a transformation in terms of entertainment and attractions, with museums and theatres being revamped and rebuilt; and - the fact that Derry/Londonderry has been named UK City of Culture 2013.	Communication – Develop, express and present ideas in a variety of forms and formats, using traditional and digital resources, for different audiences and purposes
		 Create an advertisement or poster to promote a local leisure facility. Carry out an investigation into the shops/businesses in the community that relate to leisure activities (for example movie rental, sports shops, music stores, camping suppliers, travel agents and restaurants). Compile a scrapbook titled 'Leisure in our Locality' that includes photographs, information and maps. Investigate activities that the learners would like to do in the community. Design a poster for a campaign to make a particular activity available in the area, stating reasons and encouraging others to support the campaign. 	Using ICT – Create, develop, present and publish ideas and information using a range of digital media

Key Question	Learning Intention Learners will have opportunities to	Possible Learning, Teaching and Assessment Activities	Skills and Capabilities
Are all leisure choices good?	investigate right choices.	Use Resource 16: Leisure Links to prompt a discussion about how some leisure choices can help promote a healthy lifestyle or develop useful skills. Resource 16: Leisure Links	Select, classify, compare and evaluate information
		Give your learners an opportunity to investigate rules that apply to certain leisure activities. They could explore issues such as age restrictions and the need for safety equipment. For example, draw attention to the fact that many console games are for 16+ and 18+ only, as well as the laws on drinking alcohol and age restrictions on filtre that they may already be aware of. You could also highlight how playgrounds might not allow children over a certain age or height. Use Resource 17 to help your learner to focus on and distinguish between the law, good safety practice and good manner. Resource 17: Leisure Rules	
		Resource 18 raises the issue of being vulnerable to peer pressure and bullied or led into illegal or unhealthy activities. Use it to begin to explore with your learners how young people sometimes become involved in leisure pursuits that are unhealthy or dangerous. Together create solutions that offer alternatives to the activities shown and provide strategies for opting out when faced with difficult choices. Resource 18: The Right Choice	

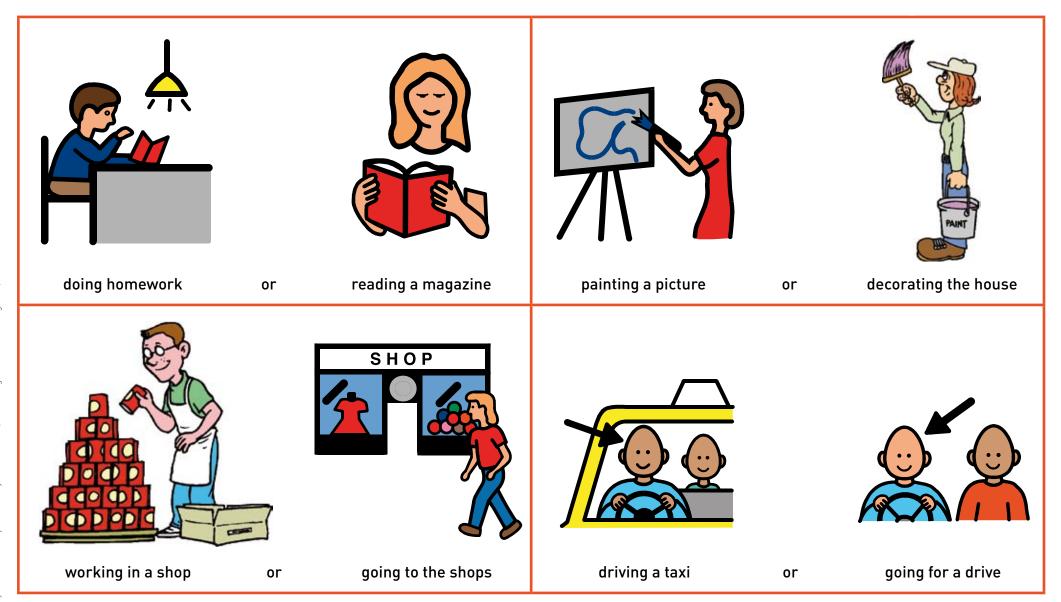
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Do leisure choices differ around the world?	investigate their own and other cultures.	As a fun activity to round up this unit on leisure, allow your learners to investigate the national sports of their own and other countries. First, examine sports that are popular in Northern Ireland. Then include sports popular throughout Ireland, throughout the UK, Europe, the northern hemisphere and the world, for example: - American football; - Australian rules football; - Sumo wrestling; - hurling; and - baseball. Depending on the learners' interests, this could be a short, superficial investigation as become a bugg project concentrating on one or more sports. For example, if they	Use own and others' ideas to locate sources of information
			Using ICT – Access and manage data and information
	or become a huge project concentrating on one or more sports. For example, if the choose football the learners could: - support a local team (with links to Communication through writing or talking)	Using ICT – Research, select, process and interpret information	
		 about going to a match); support a top international team (with links to Using Mathematics, staying up to date with league tables); organise a Fantasy Football League (with links to Using Mathematics); and/or follow a competition such as the World Cup. 	
	To keep the emphasis on 'doing', you could also help the group to organise a cl school team and take part in training, practices and competitions.	To keep the emphasis on 'doing', you could also help the group to organise a class or school team and take part in training, practices and competitions.	
		Allow your learners to use the internet or library to enable them to complete the activity in Resource 19 on leisure around the world. Resource 19: World of Leisure	

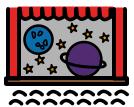
Resources

What Is Leisure?

Resource 1

Circle the activities that you think are leisure activities.





People go to the cinema because...



People go swimming because...



People join art clubs because...



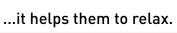


People go to restaurants because...





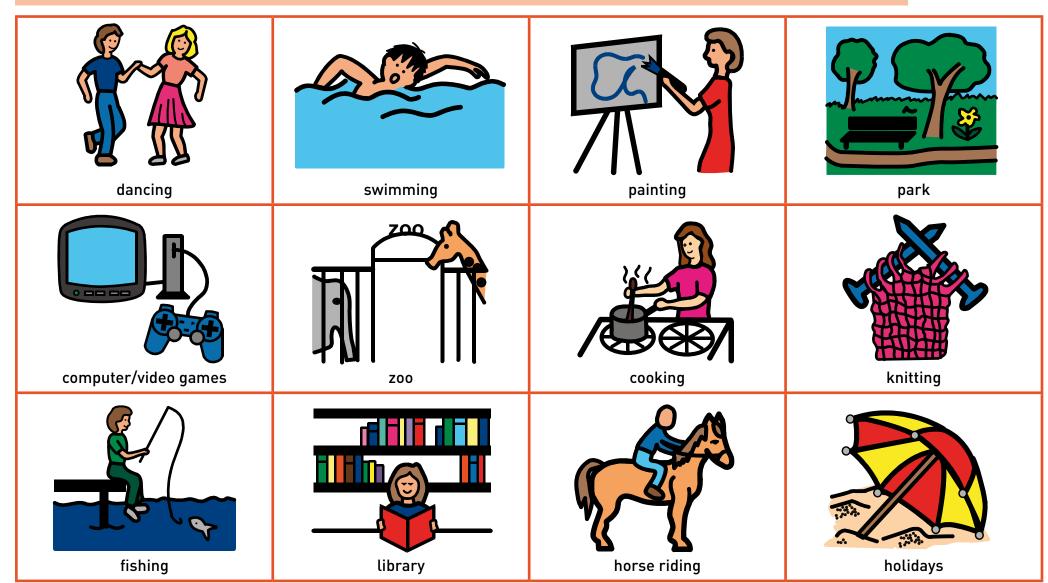


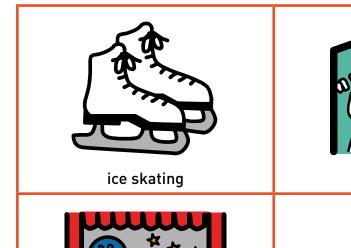










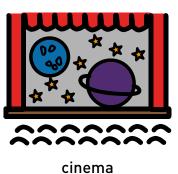






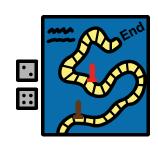
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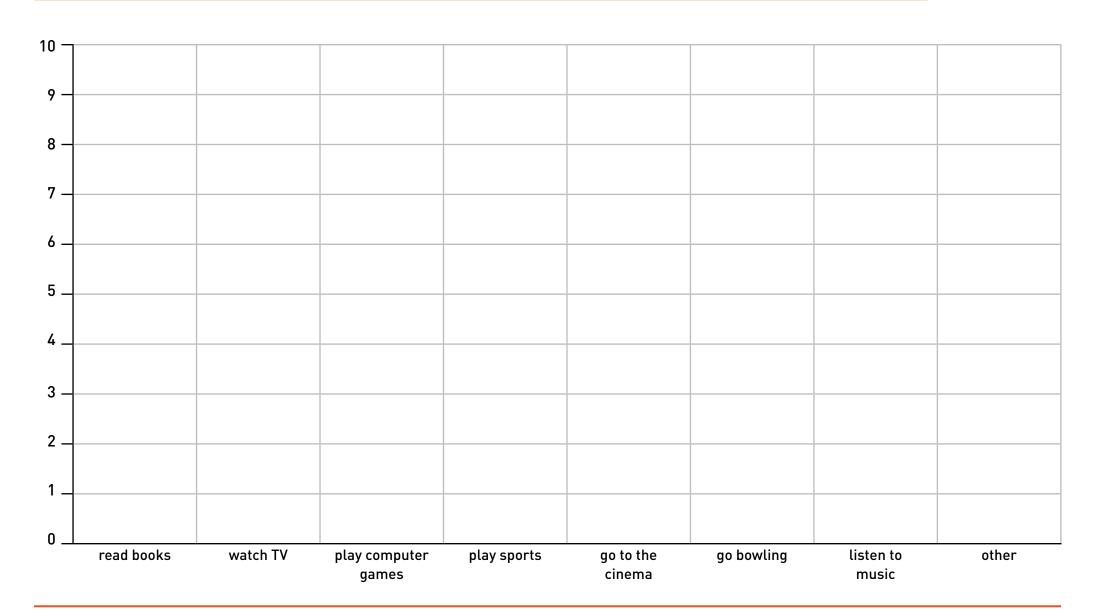






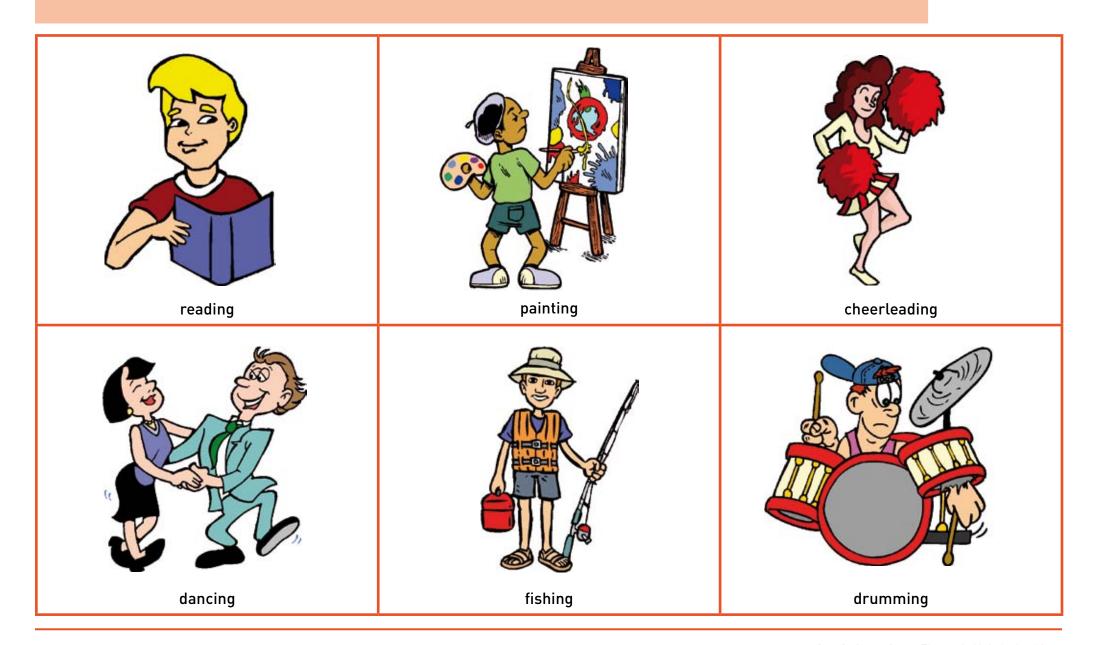
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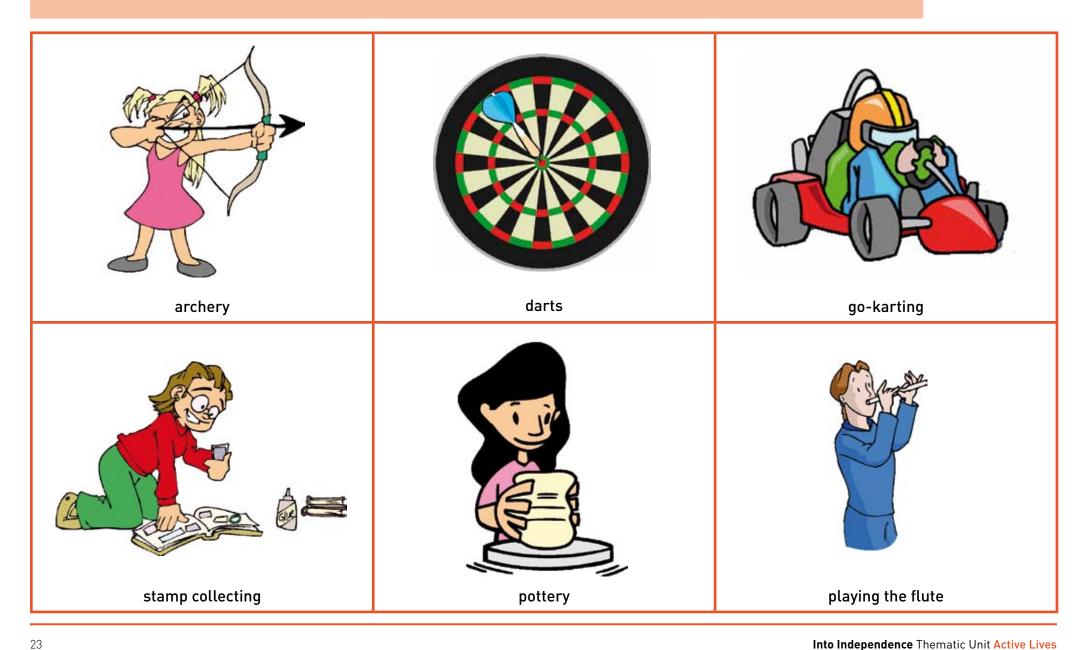
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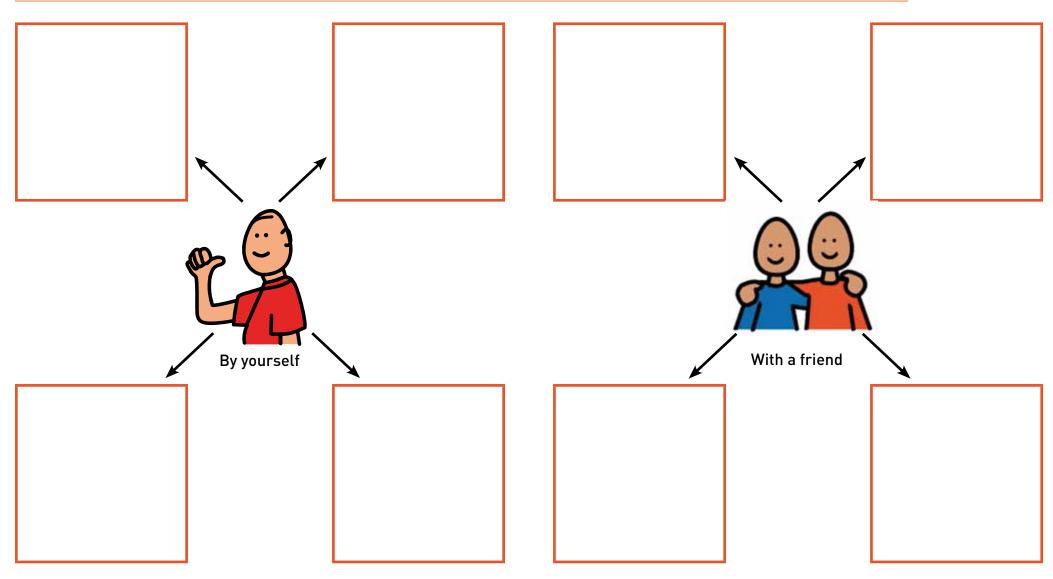


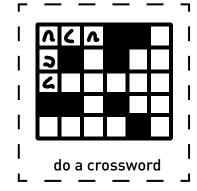
Leisure Charades (2 of 3)





There are some leisure activities that we can do by ourselves; others need more than one person. Draw or cut and paste pictures of activities into the correct areas.





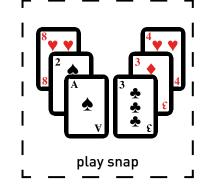


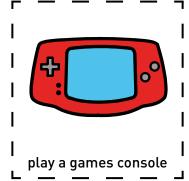












Ben, Anna and Tom live in Little Town. They have different interests. They are looking for something to do in their leisure time. Read the Little Town Leisure Centre advert, and write or draw something that each person could do in the space.

Ben likes sports.	Anna likes art.	Tom likes animals.

Little Town Leisure Centre

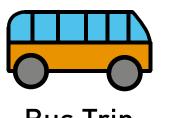
New Activities for Summer!

- Bird watching
- Football
- Jewellery making
- Oil painting
- Ice skating

- Horse riding
- Judo
- Card making
- Dog walking
- Table tennis

Look at these adverts for leisure activities. Colour the children's activities in red, the activities for adults in green and the activities for older people in blue.

Senior Citizens



Bus Trip Thursday at 10 am



Baby yoga!

Community hall

10 am each Monday

Wine Tasting Club

New members welcome



Are you over 60? Want to learn ICT?

Join the new internet club Friday at 2!



U-12 Football Club

Training every
Tuesday
5-6 pm



Retired teachers

Tennis clubRestarts Friday





Dancing Classes Monday from 8 pm



King's Head Pub

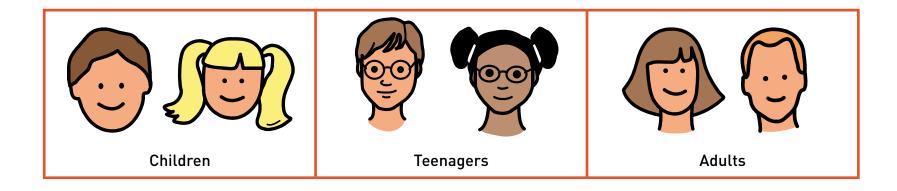


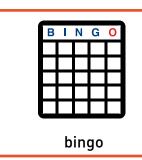


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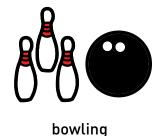
Story telling in the library
Wednesday at 11 am

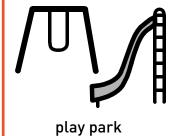
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If I Had A...

Resource 10

Number the periods of time 1 to 5 from the shortest to the longest. Then match the activities to how long you might take to do them. Remember, the longer you have, the more you can do!

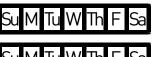


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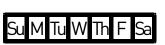
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a fortnight





a week





a day

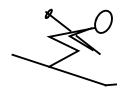




go to the zoo



draw a picture



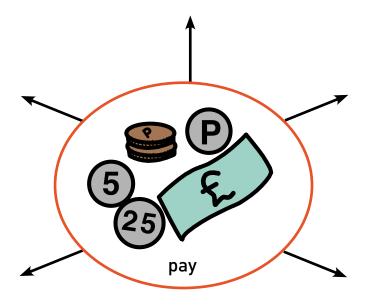
skiing holiday in Europe

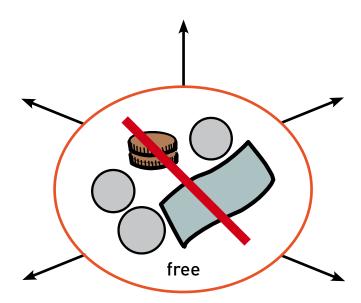


hotel break in Portrush



trip to Disney World, Florida



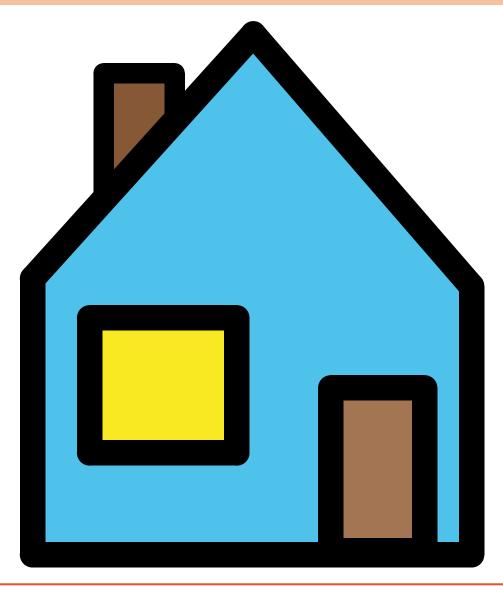


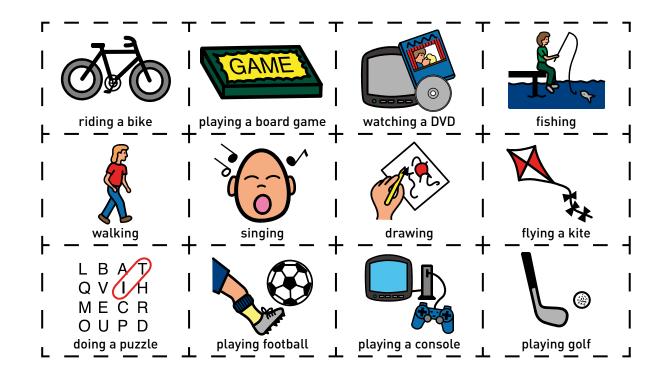
going on amusements bowling walking cinema swimming gardening reading eating out drawing collecting shells

Inside or Outside? (1 of 2)

Resource 12

Some leisure activities take place inside, and others are done outside. Can you sort the activities into the correct group? Stick the labels either inside or outside the house.





Can you find eight different leisure activities that people in this house enjoy? Use the clues in the picture to help you.

Leisure Centre Investigation

What do these activities cost at your local leisure centre? Complete the table, then answer the questions.

Activity	Price
Swimming	
Keep fit class	
Badminton	
Football	
Gym	

Answer these questions:



1. How much does it cost to go swimming? _____



2. How much does it cost to use the gym? _____



3. Which activity is the cheapest?



- 4. Which activity is the most expensive?
- 5. Which activity would you like to do, and how much would it cost?



My choice would be ______ and



this would cost _____

Leisure in My Community [1 of 2]

Resource 15

Which activities can you do in your local area? Which activities do you need to travel to another place to do?

In my locality	Outside my locality

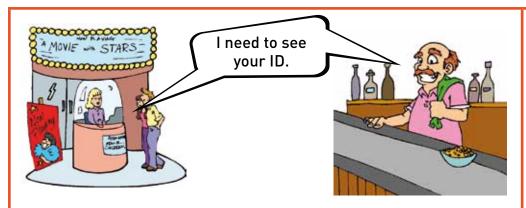
Leisure Links

Resource 16

Leisure choices can help us develop in many ways. Tick the benefits you think these leisure activities have.

Leisure choice	Health	Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Literacy skills	Numeracy skills	Relaxation	Artistic skills
Football					
Reading					
Shopping					
Painting/ Drawing					
Playing a games console					
Walking					

Some leisure activities have rules that we need to be aware of before taking part in them. Do you know any of the rules?



Rule: You have to be _____ years old to be served in a pub or watch certain films.



Rule: When you ride a bicycle, you should wear a _____



Some people come in here to study.

Rule: When you visit the library, you should be _____



I've ruined my good T-shirt!

Rule: When you are painting, you should be careful not to get paint on your _____

Can you think of any other laws or safety rules about leisure activities?

Look at the leisure choices that these people have made. Can you think of better ways for them to spend their leisure time?

	We meet up, throw stones and vandalise things. My advice is	30	I like to drive my car very fast! My advice is
© iStockphoto	The drugs help me chill out. My advice is		Getting drunk takes my mind off work. My advice is

World of Leisure Resource 19

Draw an arrow from the leisure activity to the country where it is a popular pastime.

