

## Activity Ideas: Oracy Easi-Speaking Kit LT47635



### The kit includes:

- ❖ 3 Easi-Speak Bluetooth microphones with 6 changeable coloured bands to personalise each one.
- ❖ Tin of 250 Conversation Starter Cards covering a range of themes relating to Community and Friendships, expressing Wishes and Favourites, Self-Skills, Feelings, and Family.
- ❖ Set of handy Oracy Pocket Dice.

Use the conversation starters for ideas and inspiration and to get children talking. Make selecting which type of card to use a fun game by rolling the dice. Use the microphones to record answers and to play back later for further discussions or assessment.

### Activities for using the kit could include:

#### *Model Sentences*

The teacher or leader of the group selects a card and uses the sentence starter to model an example, 'I wish I could...' The sentence starter is repeated and completed by each child in turn. Sentences can be extended by adding their reasoning using words like because, and, but.

#### *Circle Time*

The themes and sentence starters on the cards make them ideal for using in Circle Time. Use the resource for ideas and inspiration and get pupils talking about the sentences that have been created. Great for understanding similarities and differences of opinions and for encouraging collaboration and turn taking.

## *Scaffold Sentences*

The conversation starters will help to support less able speakers by providing sentence stems. Use as a way to encourage conversations and get everyone talking whilst developing language and vocabulary.

## *Develop Sentence Writing*

Use the conversation starters in writing tasks for pupils to copy and then complete the sentences. They could predict the completion of the sentence from a character's point of view.

Pupils who need further support could select sentence endings from a list of choices and use their favourite to complete the sentences.

## *Using Your Voice*

The microphones are not only great for recording pupil's work but also for learning how to project your voice and present to an audience. Introduce a 'Talk Time' slot everyday where chosen individuals use the microphones to talk about a chosen subject. Or record the presentation and listen to the Podcast with the class with a 'Question-and- Answer' slot at the end to promote questioning skills and active listening.

## *Games*

Use the pockets of the dice to put the conversation starters or images of characters. Make it fun by rolling the dice to select a statement and choose who is answering it. A great activity for drama activities such as character hot seating.

## *Assessment*

An ideal way to assess pupil's learning especially children who are shy or less confident. Discuss learning experiences and ask and answer questions. Assess understanding of new vocabulary and confidence in speaking aloud.