



Lesson 2 – Sharing & Swapping

Lesson Plan

Delivered by:	Class teacher
Year groups	5 and 6
Session length	60 mins

Curriculum links:
Maths English
See Teacher Overview for links

Learning objectives covered

The session will introduce how sharing and swapping unwanted items can save them from the bin.

By the end of the session, the students will understand:

- The earth has only limited resources and the rate at which we currently consume things is unsustainable
- The environmental benefits of passing on items by swapping and sharing, rather than just buying new items
- How the children's unwanted items can be valuable to others
- How to run an event to share or swap items

Introduction film

The film for this lesson will answer the following questions:

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
What do we do with unwanted items?			Film
Why is it better for the environment to pass items on?			Film
Swapping clothes is the new shopping!!			Film
What about organising an event to swap things?			Film
What about sharing things?			Film

Main session

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
Unwanted items Values and perception	<p>Prior to lesson ask everyone to bring one or two books they no longer want</p> <p>Discussion: Find out what they do with unwanted books, clothes, toys, etc.</p>	<p>Class or small groups: Discuss items they throw away and find out if they were new or secondhand. Reason for no longer wanted and what their plan was to do with the item. Find out which items they think still have a value to someone else.</p>	<p>Make a wall chart (or use the example table on Resource 2.1 in groups) to find out what everyone does with items they no longer want. Talk about what their reasons are for how / where they get rid of items.</p>
Organise a class book swap and how it helps the environment	Keep it simple by getting the class to organise a book swap	Get the class to lay out all of the books. All students get to choose one book. Then, if enough left, students can choose another.	
End of session summary			
Key things to remember	<p>Before you throw your things away, think about how someone else could use them</p> <p>How does it help the environment?</p>	Use the Rubbish Rebels Action Pack to help recap what you have covered in the lesson and make sure all sections have been filled in this lesson	
What they can do next	They could organise their own toy swap with a small group of friends at home		

Silver Award Activity

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
Organise a whole-year group swap event	<p>Get an entire year group to swap something. It can be a book, toy, clothes or uniform.</p> <p>If you are a small school and one class is one year group, swap something other than books.</p>	Get the year group to lay out all of the items. All students get to choose one item. Then, if enough left, students can choose another.	

Gold Award Activity

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
Organise a whole-school swap event	<p>Get the entire school to swap something. It can be a book, toy, clothes or uniform.</p> <p>If you are a small school and one class is the school, swap something other than books and whatever you swapped at silver level.</p>	Get the school to lay out all of the items. All students get to choose one item. Then if enough left, students can choose another.	