

Animals and personality

Class: Middle school/high school

Level: intermediate

Time: 45 minutes

Aims: revision of adjectives describing personality, listening comprehension,

Language items to be taught: personality adjectives, animal idioms, expression *as...as...*

CLIL: biology

Materials: included photocopies, access to the internet or personal computer, speakers

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	CLASSROOM LANGUAGE	TIME	MATERIALS
Introduction	To start the lesson	Check the register /check homework		1-6 min	
Warm – up activity	To provide students with introduction to the topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • divide students into two groups and play “Animal Alphabet” game – the groups take turns to name the animals starting with a different name of the alphabet, if one group don’t know the answer the other group can score extra point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anticipated problems : quail, newt, yak, vulture <p>http://a-z-animals.com/animals/</p>	5-7 min	
Vocabulary work	To introduce the topic : personality adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask the student to think and write down personality adjectives they know in two groups: positive and negative • ask the students to go online and do a personality quiz “What your animal personality?” • ask your students to write down any adjectives describing personality and add them to the positive/negative list 	<p>http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you agree with the quiz result? Why? Why not? 	7 min 7 min 5 min	blackboard <p>http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality</p>
Group work/ listening comprehension	To get the student link animals and personality traits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask the students which animals are often considered to be loyal, cunning, brave, intelligent, hard working, independent etc • distribute worksheet 1 and ask the students to listen to the song and complete the lyrics with adjectives/ animal names • ask the students to access the website, study the examples 	<p>http://www.funtrivia.com/en/Humanities/Animals-in-Idiom-18097.html</p>	3 min 10 min 7 min	Worksheet 1 Mp3 of the song or : <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqcfXi6D8U</p>

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Wrap-up	To revise the idioms and personality adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• write on the board <i>as...as a</i> ... and play guess the animal/adjective with the group	as poor as a church mouse, as quiet as a mouse, as fat as a pig, as gentle as a lamb, as blind as a bat, as hungry as a bear, as sick as a dog, as sly as a fox, as strong as a horse/ox, as stubborn as a mule	3 min	
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Sources:

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