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I'm a teacher. What's your superpower?

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I’m a teacher.
What’s your superpower?

“Teaching is complex: don’t try to simplify what teachers do!”

Ian Mitchell PhD, Faculty of Education, Monash University

Basic powers…

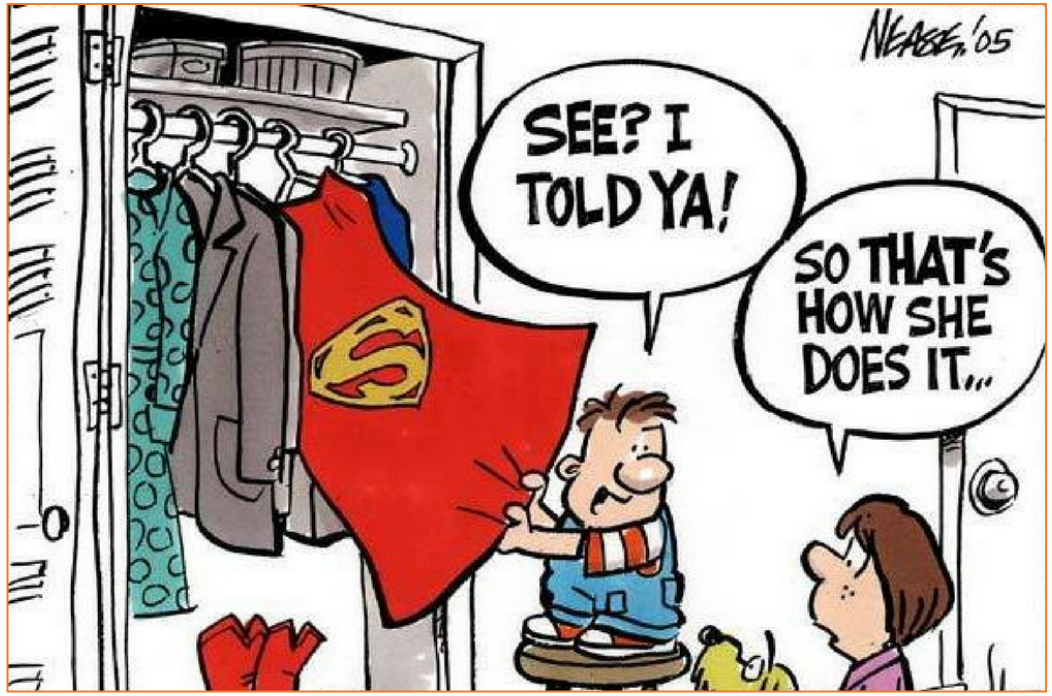
- Subject knowledge
- Teaching strategies
- Classroom management
- Managing resources
- Pupil support



“teachers make 1500 educational decisions a day”

www.teachthought.com

5 superpowers…that change the world





Superpower 1:

Global Values

Global citizenship

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
17 goals for the 2030 agenda



3 Health

4 Education

5 Gender equality

13 Climate Action

14 Life below water

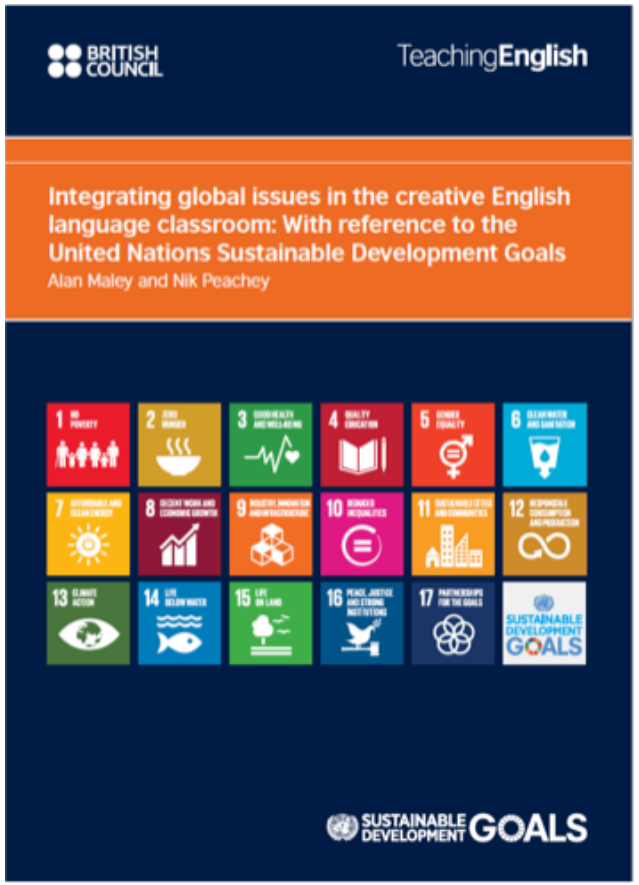
15 Life on land

16 Peace

Applying your «global values» superpowers…

- Modelling a values-rich culture
- Content (not only CLIL!)
- Stories
- Songs
- Artwork





Integrating global issues in the creative English language classroom: With reference to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk

Goal 15 Life on land



UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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I'm a teacher! What's your superpower?

Where does your rubbish go?



A



B



C



D



D

The Rubbish Truck

Here comes the rubbish truck.
Say hello to the driver and wave good luck!
Let's recycle our rubbish today.
Crash, bang wallop, hip hip hooray!

_____ go in the **paper** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
_____ go in the **metal** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
_____ **bottles** go in the **glass** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Think before you throw it away
So we can use it another day

_____ _____ go in the **plastics** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
_____ go in the **food** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Everything *else goes in the* _____ ***waste,***
Recycling, Recycling
Think before you throw it away
So we can use it another day.

The Rubbish Truck Song

Chorus:

Here comes the rubbish truck.
Say hello to the driver and wave good luck!
Let's recycle our rubbish today.
Crash, bang wallop, hip hip hooray!

Comics go in the **paper** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Cans go in the **metal** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Glass bottles go in the **glass** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Think before you throw it away
So we can use it another day

Plastic bags go in the **plastics** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Vegetables go in the **food** bin,
Recycling, Recycling
Everything *else goes in the* ***general waste,***
Recycling, Recycling
Think before you throw it away
So we can use it another day.

Think – Pair - Share

1 Crisp packets go in the *general* *waste* bin.

2 Fruit and vegetables go in the _____ bin.

3 Comics go in the _____ bin.

4 Lemonade cans go in the _____ and _____ bin.

5 Glass bottles go in the _____ bin.

Look and say.

A comic becomes a book.



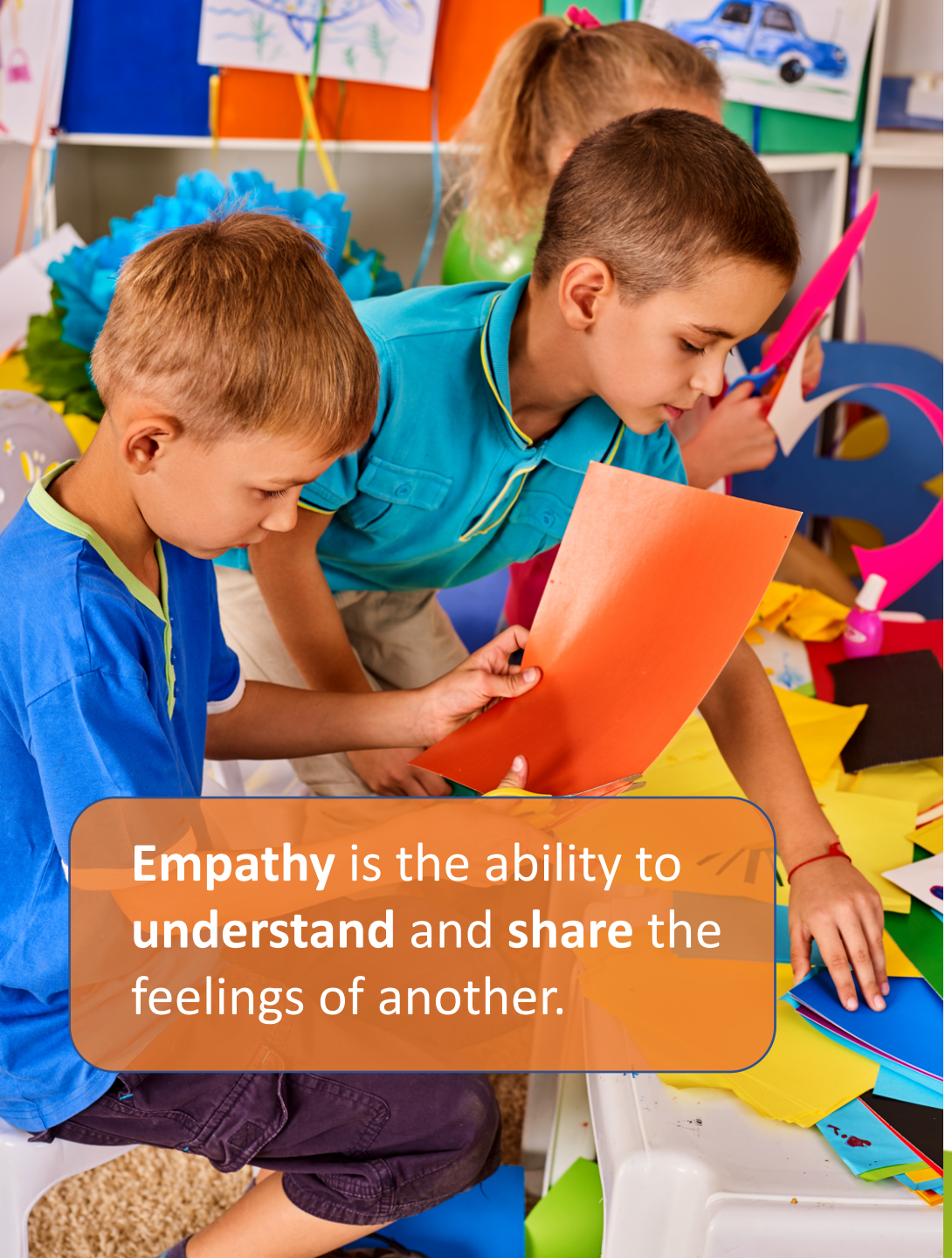
becomes





Superpower 2:

Empathy



Empathy is the ability to **understand** and **share** the feelings of another.

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Two common approaches to **empathy**:

- shared emotional response ☺ ☹
- perspective taking – point of view

Character Education: 4 Proven Strategies for Teaching Empathy, 2017

Donna Wilson, Marcus Conyers

Applying your «empathy» superpowers…

- Model **SHOW IT!**
- Teach *point of view* **SHARE YOUR OWN STORY!**
- Use stories to teach different perspectives **USE A GREAT STORY!**
- Listen actively **LISTEN WITH YOUR EYES AND HEART!**
- Be aware **HOW EMPATHIC ARE YOU?**

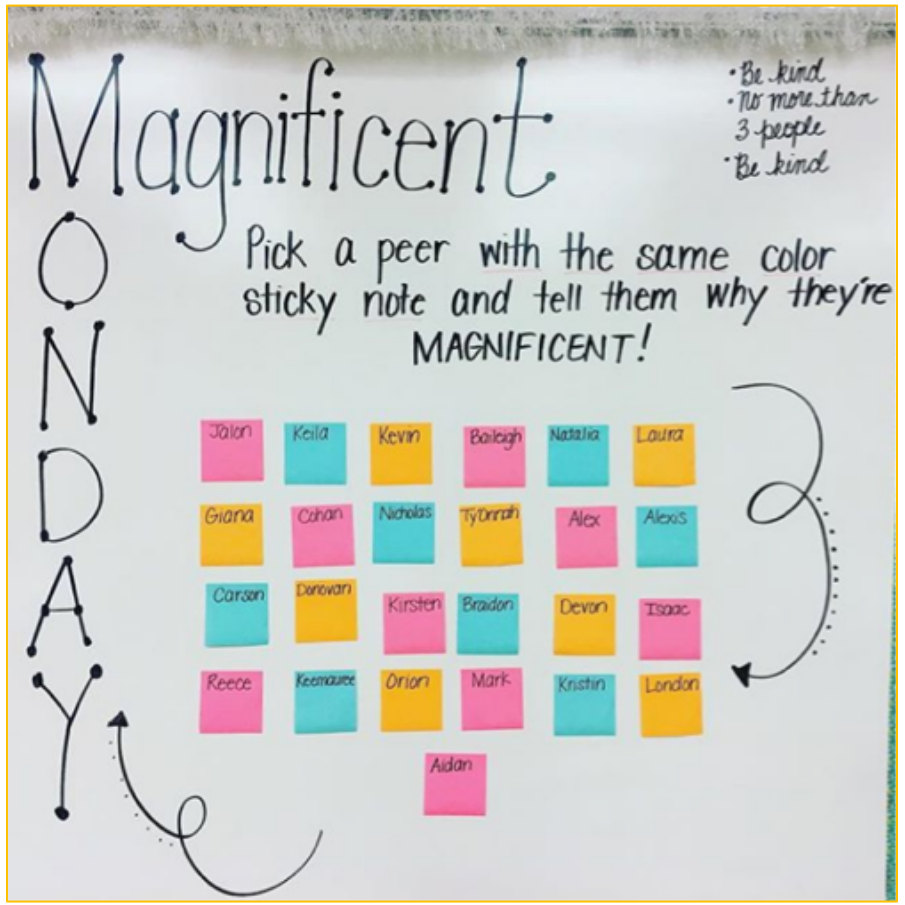
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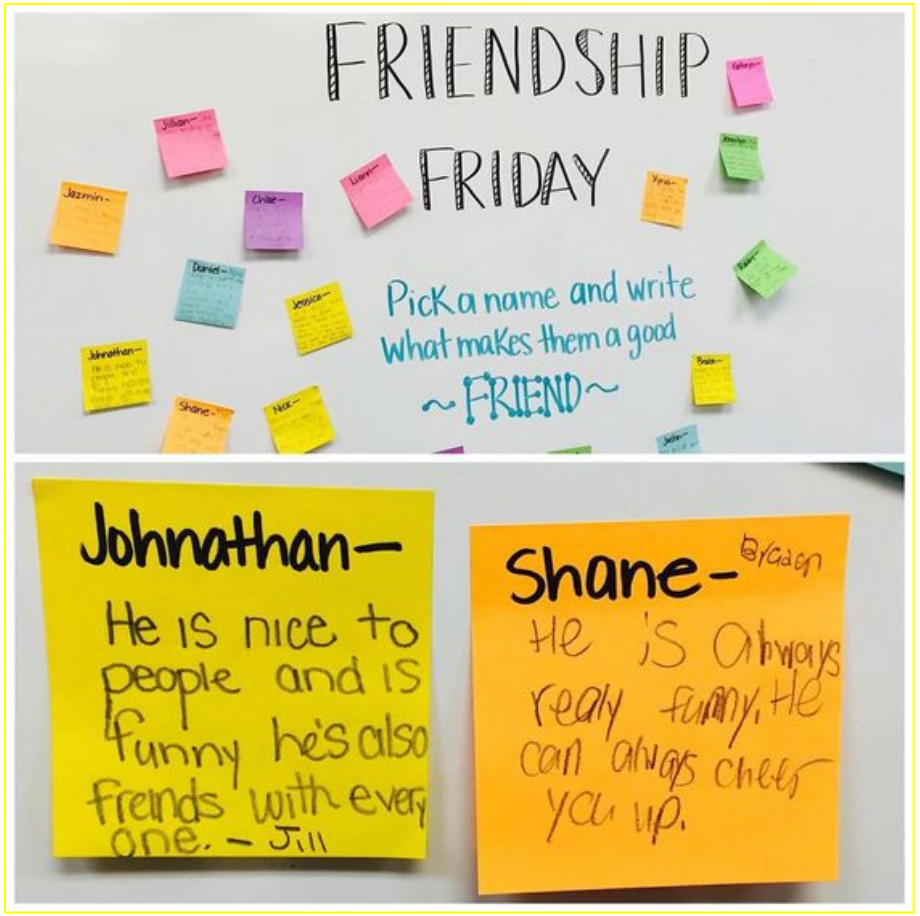
Before you speak,
Think and be smart.
It's hard to fix
A wrinkled heart!

Building a community…

Diversity in the primary classroom




Magnificent
• Be kind
• No more than 3 people
• Be kind
MONDAY
Pick a peer with the same color sticky note and tell them why they're MAGNIFICENT!
Jalon
Keila
Kevin
Baileigh
Natalia
Laura
Giana
Cohan
Nicholas
TyOnnah
Alex
Alexis
Carson
Donovan
Kirsten
Braidon
Devon
Isaac
Reece
Keemauree
Orion
Mark
Kristin
London
Aidan


FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY
Pick a name and write what makes them a good ~FRIEND~
Johnathan-
He is nice to people and is funny he's also friends with every one. - Jill
Shane-
He is always really funny. He can always cheer you up.

Whiteboard prompts

MARVELLOUS MONDAY
Send a nice Monday message to a friend

TERRIFIC TUESDAY
Write something great you want to do this week

ONE-WORD WEDNESDAY
Describe yourself in one word

THUMBS UP THURSDAY
Write one good thing this week

FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY
Pick a name and write what makes them a great friend



Daring to differ…

Cerrie Burnell
BBC Children's TV presenter, Actress, Author

"one of the **top 10 children's presenters** of all time"

The Observer

"one of Britain's 100 **most inspirational women**"

The Guardian



Rainbow Bridge 4A



Rainbow Bridge 2A



Rainbow Bridge 5A



Rainbow Bridge 3A



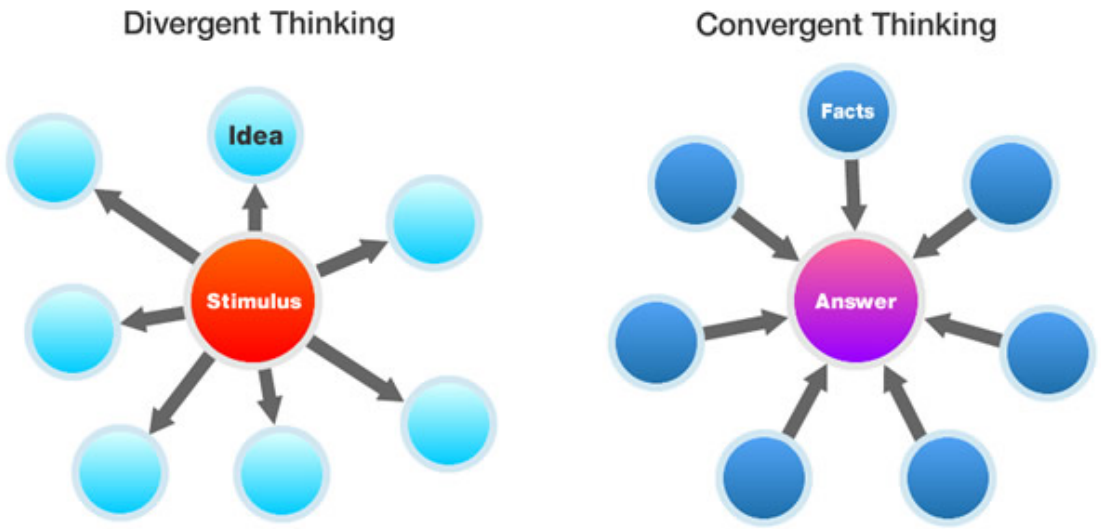
Superpower 3:

Creativity

Applying your «creativity» superpowers…

- Time
- Critical thinking
- *Micromoments* of creativity
- Crafts, lapbooks, interactives

Divergent vs Convergent thinking



Divergent thinking is generating unique solutions and seeing various possibilities in response to questions and problems.

Linear thinking, **or convergent thinking**, is about learning facts, follow instructions, and solving problems with one right answer.

3 Play *Let's talk.* *See Manuale.*

	1	2	3	4
1		cousins?		aunts?
2	aunts or uncles?		sisters?	
3		brothers or sisters?		
4	brothers?			uncles?

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3 Read and look at the pictures, then write *True* or *False*.

1 There's lots of traffic in London. _____

2 The underground has 27 stations. _____

3 There aren't any shops in London. _____

4 There are lots of trees in the village. _____

4 Think Do you like the city or the village? Why?

4 Play the game. Ask and answer.



2 Look and write.

1 *Do you like English?* (English)

😀 *Yes, I do.*

2 *Do you like Art?* (Art)

😟 *No, I don't.*

3 _____ (Maths)

😀 _____

4 _____ (History)

😟 _____

I like English.

Do you like English?

Do you like Art?

😀 Yes, I do.

😟 No, I don't.

don't = do not

3 Listen and repeat. Play *Guess my favourite.* 0.0

Guess my favourite.







Has she got blue eyes?

No, she hasn't.

Has she got black, curly hair?

Yes, she has.







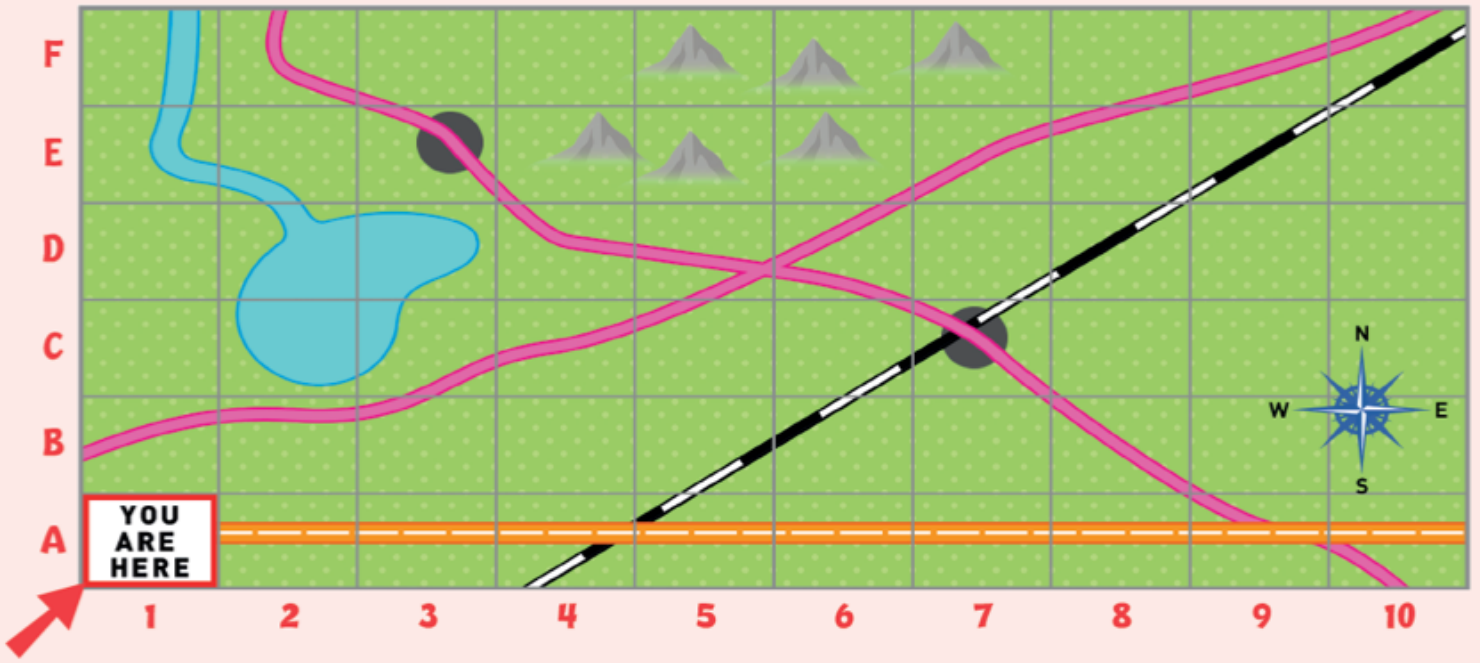


Mina!

1 Read and draw the route on the map. Start in square A1.

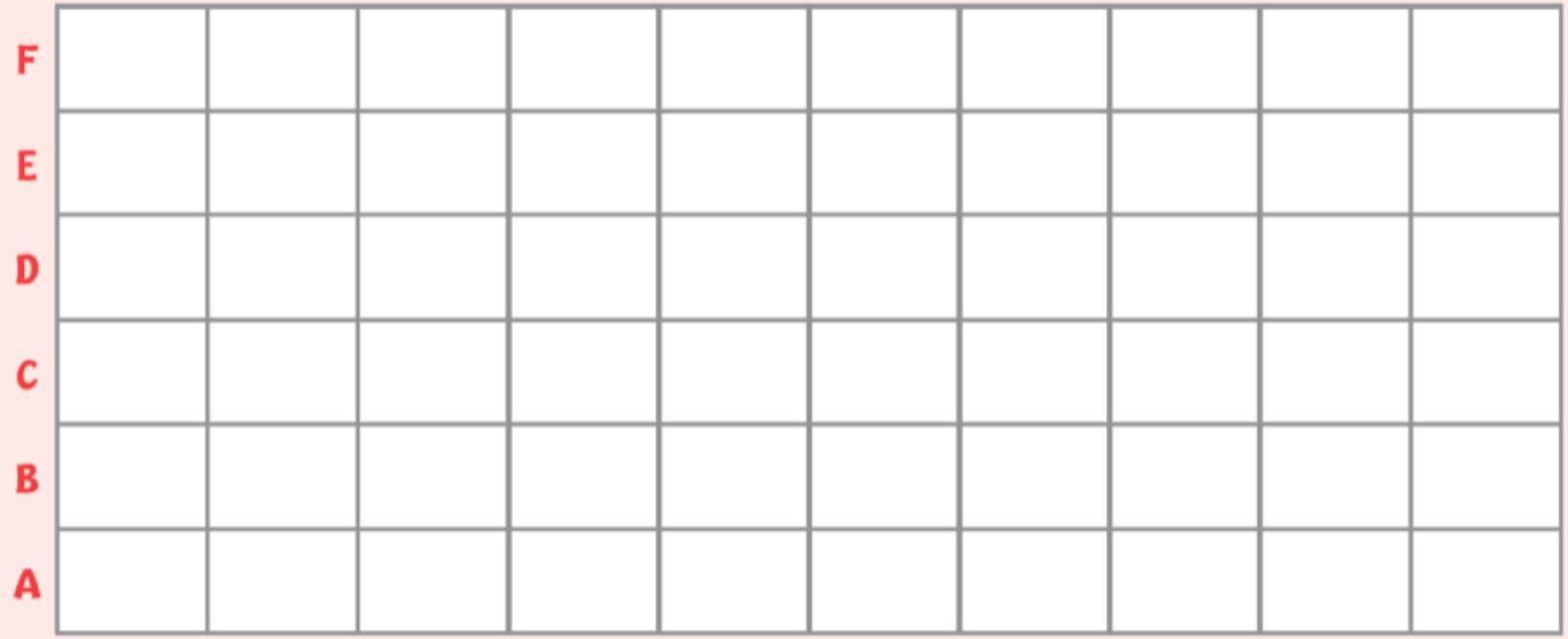
1 Go two squares east.
2 Go three squares north.
3 Go one square west.
4 Go one square north.
5 Go five squares east.
6 Go two squares south.

Where are you now?



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3 Think Create your map. Then give instructions to a friend. *See Manuale.*



2 Look, match and say.



3 Think What shapes can you see in the classroom? *See Manuale.*

CLIL **Maths project:** Make a shapes picture. *See Manuale.*

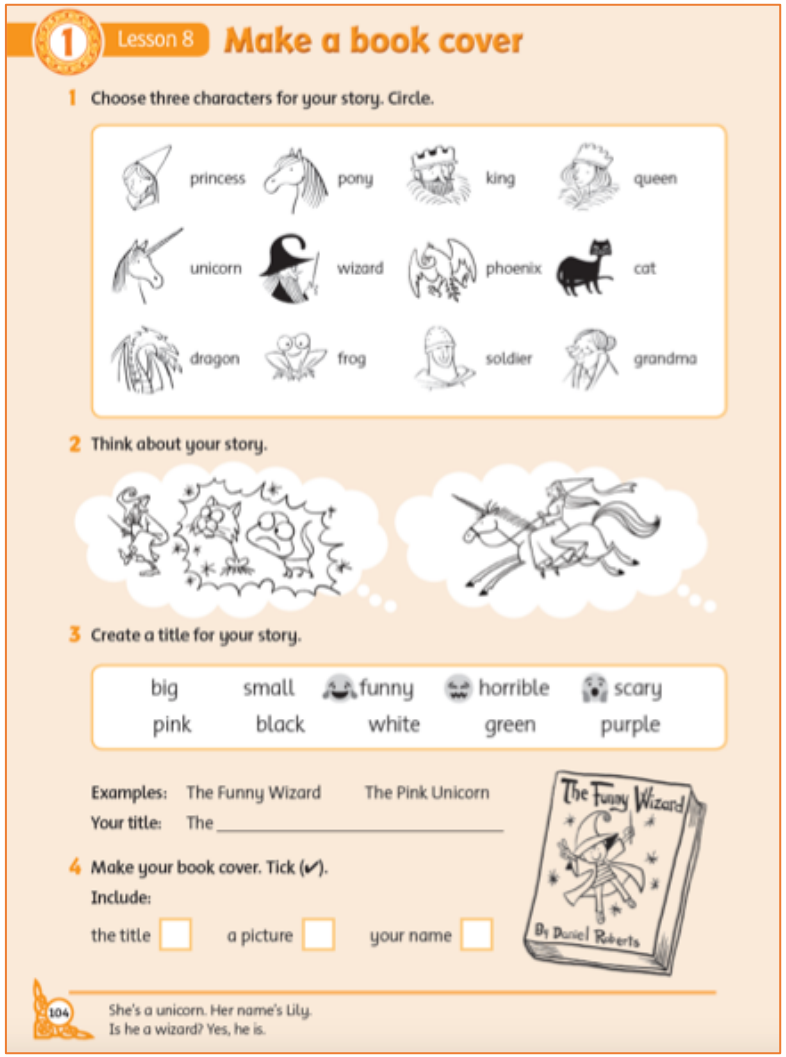
Real life tasks

- Creative thinking
- Language
- Life skills



Real life tasks…in practice

- Clear steps
- Support struggling students
- Learner autonomy



1 Lesson 8 Make a book cover

1 Choose three characters for your story. Circle.

princess pony king queen
unicorn wizard phoenix cat
dragon frog soldier grandma

2 Think about your story.

3 Create a title for your story.

big small funny horrible scary
pink black white green purple

Examples: The Funny Wizard The Pink Unicorn
Your title: The _____

4 Make your book cover. Tick (✓).
Include:
the title ☐ a picture ☐ your name ☐

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She's a unicorn. Her name's Lily.
Is he a wizard? Yes, he is.



Superpower 4:

Empower and Inspire



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1vnsqbnAkk

Gender



- Mighty girls – characters
- Artwork
- Language we use



Aspirations...



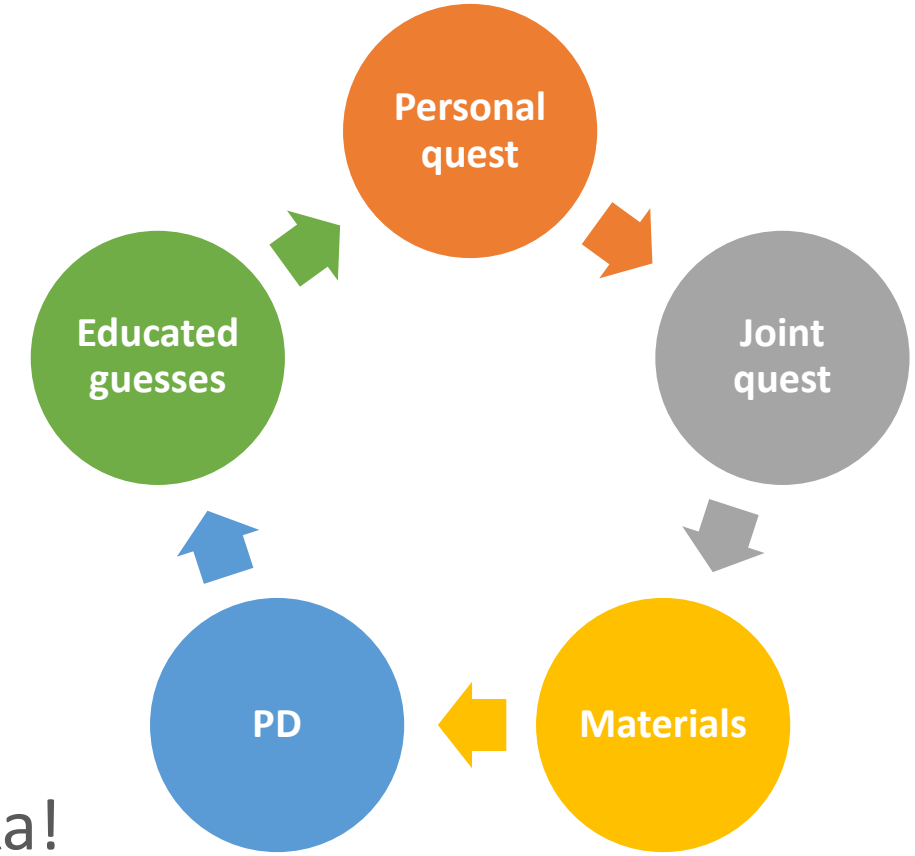


Superpower 5:

Innovation

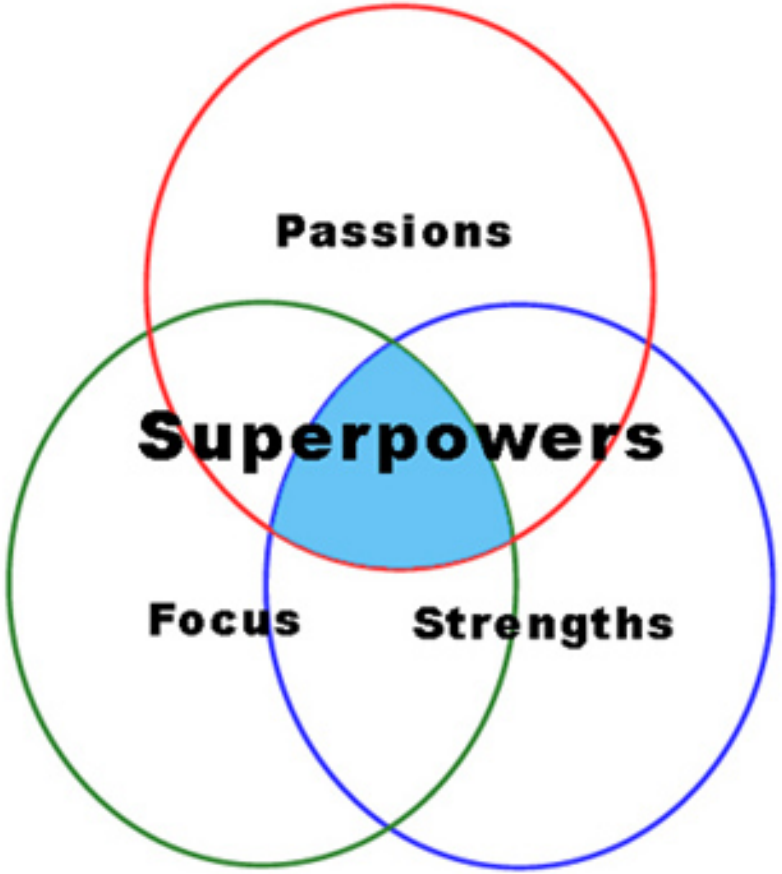
Applying your «innovation» superpowers…

- Personal quest…and learning teaching
- Joint quest – forums, groups
- Textbooks and materials
- Professional development
- Educated guesses…experimenting…Eureka!



5 **Superpowers** that make great teachers!

1. Global values
2. Empathy
3. Creativity
4. Empower and Inspire
5. Innovation



And now…

even **superheroes** take a break! ☺

