



Modern Foreign Languages KS2 Remote Lesson

Can you speak like a Jedi? (30-40 mins)

Resources needed:

Pen

Paper

Worksheet

This lesson is based on puzzles by the UK Linguistic Olympiad, there are puzzles suitable for all ages.

For more language puzzles, here is the link to the primary level resources:

<https://www.uklo.org/breakthrough-workout>

Activities:

Slide 1 - Starter 3-5 min quiz – students answer the questions and keep them till the end of the session

Slide 2 - Introduction to Bambara - This activity is to show students that you don't need to know anything about a language to work out some words for yourself.

Bambara is a language from Mali in West Africa. It is very likely that the students have never heard of where Mali is, use the map to locate it. They could research it on line or on a globe/map

Slides 3-6 Counting in Bambara 10-15min –

Slide 4 - Students in groups of 2 or 3 depending on numbers, activities b-d are extensions

Before starting the activity, the students could discuss some of the patterns of numbers in English, could Bambara have similar ones?

Slide 5 answers to the main activity. When you have gone through the main activity, discuss the extension tasks if you have time.

Slide 6 - Students can practise testing their classmates with numbers they have made up in Bambara

Slide 7-9 - Speaking like a Jedi 10 min - Language is not just about words it is also a different way of seeing the world and that's reflected in the syntax or word order.

Students can do a "think-pair-share" type activity or a whole class discussion

Slide 8 - Ask students to work out where the verb and subject go in a Yodaspeak sentence: they both go at the end of the sentence

Slide 9 - Now we know how to make a sentence in Yodaspeak, can you rewrite these English sentences into Yoda's language?

Slide 10 - Quiz answers 2 min

Answers to the starter quiz

1- There are roughly 6,500 spoken languages in the world today. However, about 2,000 of those languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers. The most popular language in the world is Mandarin Chinese. There are 1,213,000,000 people in the world that speak that language.

2- Azeri is the language from Azerbaijan, Persian or Farsi is spoken in Iran, Hebrew in Israel, Arabic in the Middle East, Urdu in Pakistan and India

4- Most of the world's languages are spoken in Asia and Africa.