

MORE-ABLE CHILDREN · Y2 TO Y6

Stretch & Challenge

20 open-ended tasks for early finishers

About these tasks

The classic mistake with 'more able' children is to give them more of the same — extra questions, longer worksheets, additional sums. This rewards speed and punishes ambition. These 20 tasks are different. Each one is OPEN-ENDED — no single right answer, no fixed end-point. A confident child can take any of them deeper. They run from 10 minutes (when they finish a piece of work early) to 45 minutes (a focused enrichment slot). THE PRINCIPLE: 'You finished early. Good. Now use that thinking time on something that has no ceiling.' Mix and match. Print as cards. Or pin a few to a board children can choose from.

ENGLISH (1) — The Six-Word Story



ENGLISH (2) — Perfect Sentence Hunt

ENGLISH (3) — Reverse Dictionary

ENGLISH (4) — Punctuation that Changes Everything



MATHS (5) — How Many Squares?

MATHS (6) — The Handshake Problem

MATHS (7) — Make 24



MATHS (8) — A Fair Game

MATHS (9) — Magic Squares

MATHS (10) — Fermi Questions



PROBLEM-SOLVING (11) — The Wolf, the Goat and the Cabbage

PROBLEM-SOLVING (12) — The Bridge and Torch

PROBLEM-SOLVING (13) — The Perfect Cake Cut



CREATIVE (14) — The Same Story, Two Voices

CREATIVE (15) — Sentence Sparks

CREATIVE (16) — World Build



INVESTIGATION (17) — Where Do Words Come From?

INVESTIGATION (18) — Map Your Walk to School

ARGUMENT (19) — Defend the Indefensible



META (20) — Make Your Own Stretch Task

