



ACTIVITY PLAN - SESSION 3

Session	3
Theme	Test Match activity
Title	Picking your team
Curriculum area	Literacy – Speaking and listening

Where the session has come from...

Vocabulary and the sport of cricket has been looked at in previous sessions, this is a really good activity for interviewing (speaking and listening) skills.

Learning objectives

To construct a reasoned argument.
Speaking and listening skills – talking with others.

Room layout and preparation

The exact nature depends on the numbers in pupils in class, this activity suits a 30 pupil size class.
In a large space have 4 tables set out for 4 'selection panels' and 5 or 6 chairs set out nearby each table for watching.
This activity needs copies of the player info cards as well as a Whiteboard projection facility for PowerPoint

Starter activity

Look at a team squad list and the PowerPoint and identify different roles involved in a team, open bat, wicket keeper and bowlers.

Main activity

Split the group into 4. Identify 2 pupils in each group to be on a selection panel. The rest of the group are given descriptions of different types of players. These people will become county cricket coaches and their role is to sit before a selection panel and put the case for their player to be picked for the England squad.

Each 'coach' sits in front of one of the selection panels, introduces themselves and then gives the player's strengths. The panel will then challenge them on their player's weakness and what they have done about it.

The coach responds to this.

This is to simulate an interview type situation and is great for speaking and listening skills.

After each coach has spoken, each of the selection panels should pick two people to be shortlisted.

These coaches will then appear before a joint selection panel to put the case again. One player is then selected for the team.

After that it is possible to start writing letters.

- Selection panel should write to an 'unsuccessful coach' to explain why they weren't picked for a shortlist, and what they need to do to assist their player.
- Coaches should write a letter to the selection panel acknowledging why their player hasn't been picked and what they will do to help their player improve.

Opportunities for differentiation

For weaker or less confident pupils, the coach could just read a pre-planned statement out about the player.

Where is this session leading...

This will lead to a discussion of heroes in the game and of heroes in general.

Literacy skills developed

Speaking and Listening AF2 Talking with others.



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A CRICKET TEAM AND SQUAD

What qualities do we look for?



ENGLAND TEAM

Player	Batting Role	Bowling Role	Other Role	Qualities Needed
Heather Knight	Opening bat			
Laura Marsh	Opening bat	Bowler	All Rounder	
Caroline Atkins	Right hand			
Lydia Greenway	Left hand			
Charlotte Edwards	Right hand	Spin Bowler	Captain	
Jenny Gunn	Right hand	Fast Bowler	All Rounder	
Katherine Brunt	Right hand	Fast Bowler		
Danni Hazel	Right hand	Spin Bowler		
Isa Guha	Right hand	Fast Bowler		
Holly Colvin	Right hand	Spin Bowler		
Lauren Griffiths	Right hand		Wicket Keeper	



QUALITIES NEEDED FOR CRICKET

- All players must bat, but some are better than others.
- Good batters will bat earlier in the innings so...
- 2 opening batters.
 - Good, strong batters, able to bat for a long time.
- Batters 3, 4, 5, 6
 - Also good batters.



QUALITIES NEEDED FOR CRICKET

- There are often only a few bowlers in a side, each with different skills.
- 4 or 5 bowlers.
 - Often 2 or 3 fast bowlers and a spin bowler.
- Bowlers will bowl up to 15-20 overs in one day so fitness is key for these players.



QUALITIES NEEDED FOR CRICKET

- **All rounders**
 - Players who can bat and bowl well.
 - Useful to have because they can play more than one role.
- **Wicket keeper**
 - Stands behind the stumps to catch the ball if it comes straight behind the batter.
- **Close catchers**
 - Some players are very good at catching the ball when they stand near the bat (within about 10 metres).
 - They need excellent reflexes.



PLAYERS PROFILES

Profile One	Profile Two	Profile Three
<p>Name: Nick</p> <p>Position: Wicket Keeper</p> <p>Strength: Believes in himself</p> <p>Challenge: He has not managed to gain the respect of his teammates</p>	<p>Name: Sue</p> <p>Position: Fast Bowler</p> <p>Strength: Bowls fast and straight</p> <p>Challenge: A shoulder injury limits her fielding</p>	<p>Name: Mark</p> <p>Position: Right handed batter</p> <p>Strength: Bats well under pressure and faces fast bowling happily</p> <p>Challenge: He can be unreliable when running between wickets</p>
Profile Four	Profile Five	Profile Six
<p>Name: Jane</p> <p>Position: Batter</p> <p>Strength: Good with team strategy</p> <p>Challenge: She is very quiet and reserved on the field</p>	<p>Name: Alfred</p> <p>Position: Slow Left Hand Bowler</p> <p>Strength: Can bowl for long periods of time</p> <p>Challenge: He doesn't take a lot of wickets</p>	<p>Name: Gloria</p> <p>Position: Wicket Keeper</p> <p>Strength: Nothing gets past her</p> <p>Challenge: She has poor fitness levels</p>



PLAYERS PROFILES CONTINUED

Profile Seven	Profile Eight	Profile Nine
<p>Name: Scott</p> <p>Position: Spin Bowler</p> <p>Strength: Can confuse batters with his 'special' deliveries</p> <p>Challenge: His batting is limited</p>	<p>Name: Vicki</p> <p>Position: Left Handed Batter</p> <p>Strength: Is very athletic and scores quickly</p> <p>Challenge: Is sometimes not very understanding about others' mistakes</p>	<p>Name: Michael</p> <p>Position: Right Handed Batter</p> <p>Strength: A very talented player</p> <p>Challenge: He can only field in slips</p>
Profile Ten	Profile Eleven	Profile Twelve
<p>Name: Martina</p> <p>Position: Right Handed Batter</p> <p>Strength: She makes a lot of runs</p> <p>Challenge: She can bat too slowly</p>	<p>Name: Jonathan</p> <p>Position: Fast Bowler</p> <p>Strength: Has a fearsome reputation</p> <p>Challenge: He is coming to the end of his career and his fitness is suspect</p>	<p>Name: Alicia</p> <p>Position: Medium Fast Bowler</p> <p>Strength: Consistent workhorse for the team</p> <p>Challenge: She struggles with batting</p>



PLAYERS PROFILES CONTINUED

Profile Thirteen	Profile Fourteen	Profile Fifteen
<p>Name: Chris</p> <p>Position: All Rounder</p> <p>Strength: Bats up the order and can bowl in short spells</p> <p>Challenge: He is the former captain</p>	<p>Name: Helena</p> <p>Position: Number Three Batter</p> <p>Strength: The best player in the competition</p> <p>Challenge: She is returning from an arm injury</p>	<p>Name: Robert</p> <p>Position: Specialist Opening Batter</p> <p>Strength: Stubborn and doesn't give away his wicket easily</p> <p>Challenge: He thinks he should be the next captain</p>