The Gruffalo in Scots

Early level resource

Context for learning

Using Scots language and film as a text to explore character and description

Curricular areas covered	Responsibility of all	Level(s)
Literacy and English Expressive Arts	Literacy and English	Early

By learning about The Gruffalo in Scots, learners will be able to:

- develop their listening and talking skills
- use film as a text
- increase their Scots language vocabulary
- use information from the film to design, create and describe a model
- develop their observational and sequencing skills

Experiences and outcomes covered in the whole sequence of lessons:

• I have the freedom to discover and choose ways to create images and objects using a variety of materials.

EXA 0-2a

 I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts, sharing my thoughts in different ways.

LIT 0-01c

 To help me understand stories and other texts, I ask questions and link what I am learning with what I already know.

LIT 0-07a/LIT 0-16a/ ENG 0-17a



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Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
Heroes and Villains	Describe and Sequence	Characters and Adjectives
Before mentioning the film, discuss heroes	After watching the film:	Either as a class or in groups make a junk
and villains with the class. Make a list of films		model or a large collage picture of the
and books that feature heroes and villains. Ask the learners to identify the main	Use the Gruffalo Scots descriptive flashcards.	Gruffalo.
characteristics of heroes and villains and	In groups, give each learner a different	Learners can then label the picture/model
record on the board.	flashcard to illustrate. You may need to discuss the Scots language descriptions with	with Scots adjectives from the Gruffalo Scots Word list.
After watching the film:	the class.	
		Learners can present their work to the rest of
The hero of this film is the moose. Why do you think the moose is the hero?	Once completed, ask each group to sequence their flashcards.	the class explaining what the English equivalents are to the Scots adjectives
Would you expect the moose to be the hero?	their hashcarus.	chosen.
The distance of the control of the c	Use a copy of the Gruffalo in Scots book to	
What is the opposite of a hero?	check the correct sequence.	
Who is the villain in this film?		
Is there more than one?	Ask each group to select their favourite Scots	
Choose your favourite character from the	word from the flashcards and explain their choice.	
film. Draw a picture and underneath it write	choice.	
3 sentences about this character:		
1. My favourite character from the film		
is		
2. This character is a hero/villain.		
3. I like this character because		



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Lesson 1: experiences and outcomes covered

LIT 0-01a

LIT 0-07a

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Lesson 1: resources

Link to Gruffalo film clips:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=yHoyg pwT2w

Lesson 1: reflection/product if applicable

Group/class discussion Pictures and sentences

Lesson 1: ideas for further development

This could form the basis of a drama lesson looking at movement associated with heroes and villains.



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Lesson 2: experiences and outcomes covered

EXA 0-2a

LIT 0-07a

LIT 0-16a

ENG 0-17a

Lesson 2: resources

Gruffalo Scots Descriptive Flashcards Link to Gruffalo film clips:

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Lesson 2: reflection/product if applicable

Class/group discussions Sequencing activity Completed flash cards

Lesson 2: ideas for further development

Learners could create alternative descriptive flashcards for the moose.

Learners could identify and explore the rhyming words in both English and Scots.



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Lesson 3: experiences and outcomes covered

EXA 0-2a

LIT 0-01c

Lesson 3: resources

A selection of junk for modelling or collage materials will be required Gruffalo Scots word list

Lesson 3: reflection/product if applicable

Observation of group work Completed models/pictures Presentations to class

Lesson 3: ideas for further development

Children could repeat this exercise for the moose and compare/discuss their Scots language selections.

