

# Object Grids for preEntry activities

*Janet Kinsey, the contributor, explains ...*

The attached resource can be used for a range of speaking, listening and pre-reading activities in Milestone 6, 7 and 8 literacy groups.

- Use for language development - expressive language for milestone 6-8 students. Which symbol do you like best? What does that make you think of?
- Search and find tasks – as instructed on pages 2 and 3.
- Extension – withhold the total number of symbols present and get students to declare when they think they know the total number.

## Related teaching ideas

- Visual figure-ground is the skill of seeing 'the wood from the trees' i.e. filtering out the unwanted visual information and is an important pre-reading skill. The 'Where's Wally' books and 'Simpsons' character tableaux posters require similar skills.
- More challenging grids could be made using very similar signs such as just the hands. All the symbols used are from Wingdings font, other suitable fonts include Wingdings 2 and Webdings.

## Main Curriculum References

*Actual references covered will depend on the learner group and level, and how the resource is used by the teacher.*

SLIr/M6.1	Listen and respond to familiar people, demonstrating an understanding of simple questions about familiar events, familiar experiences, personal details.
SLc/M6.1	Use phrases with up to 3 key words / signs / symbols to communicate simple ideas, choices, events.
Rtc/M6.2	Find and name key images, characters, events
SLIr/M7.2	Listen to simple questions on familiar topics and give simple responses in answer
SLc/M7.5	Make simple statements about simple and personal matters
Rtc/M7.1	Distinguish between print, text, symbols and images
SLIr/M8.2	Listen and answer simple questions about personal details, personal experiences, personal events, narratives
SLc/M8.1	Use key words, signs, symbols in communicating a) about their own experiences b) to recount a narrative in their working context or groups / one to one

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