



CHAT PACK

Being a communicator

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CHAT PACK: ALTERNATIVE

Explore 3 different ways that you could help future historians understand your current life without images or digital records.

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CHAT PACK: ALPHABET

Create an alphabet about living and non-living things.

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CHAT PACK: BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm as many ideas as you can about things you would have to consider if you were traveling into space.

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CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING

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Chat packs are designed to be a pressure free opportunity for your child(ren) to develop speaking, listening and recording skills while sharing their current ideas and knowledge of a given topic. It is a great opportunity for peers, parents and teachers to bear witness to what can happen when creative and critical thinking can evolve as students initiate conversations in styles and groupings of their choice. *The chat packs were inspired and have been adapted from Tony Ryan's Thinkers keys.*

An example of two children using their primary language to record ideas during chat pack time. These words were then later used in an ELS class as a translation inquiry. The students' primary language and prior knowledge were valued and uncovered a rich knowledge that could be shared in the class inquiry.



Invite your child(ren) to choose one card to focus on. As your child(ren) discuss ideas connected to the card, they should also be experimenting with different recording strategies.

- Make sure lots of recording tools and graphic organisers are easily accessible for your child(ren) to record ideas.
- While your child(ren) are discussing ideas, you can use this opportunity to gather and record topic specific terminology/vocabulary being shared by your child(ren). This can then be used to enrich word study or spelling tasks. In doing this you are making visible to your child(ren) that they value the prior knowledge and ideas being brought forward.
- New, interesting and important vocabulary and ideas can be explored and developed using word web resources.

Use the prompt and explanation pages to create your own cards relevant to your child's age and area of study.

[For full details on using chat packs as an inquiry strategy please see the strategy document for Chat Packs on the BeConWiz site.](#)

Understanding the “Chat Pack” cards...

Focus of chat pack set

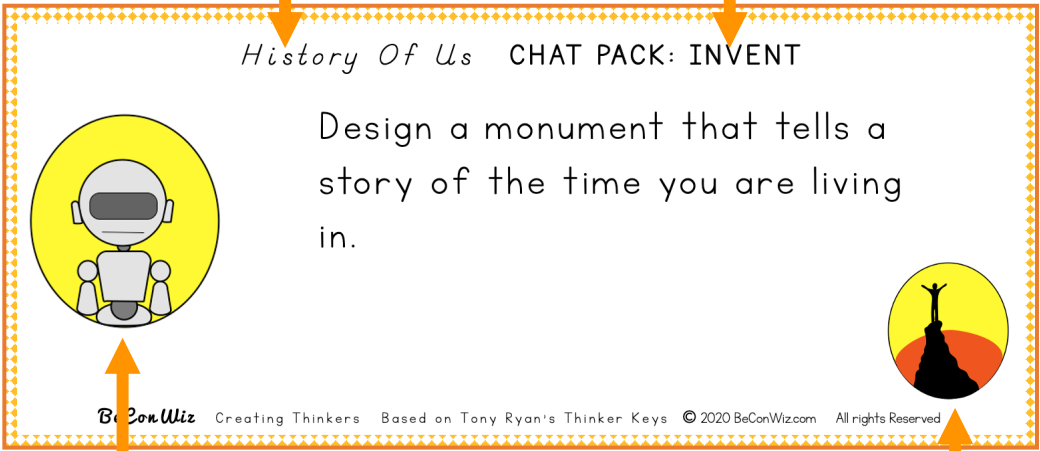
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History Of Us CHAT PACK: INVENT

Design a monument that tells a story of the time you are living in.

Symbol for the task focus

Symbol for creative thinking



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Land & Sky CHAT PACK: PROBLEMS & POSSIBILITIES

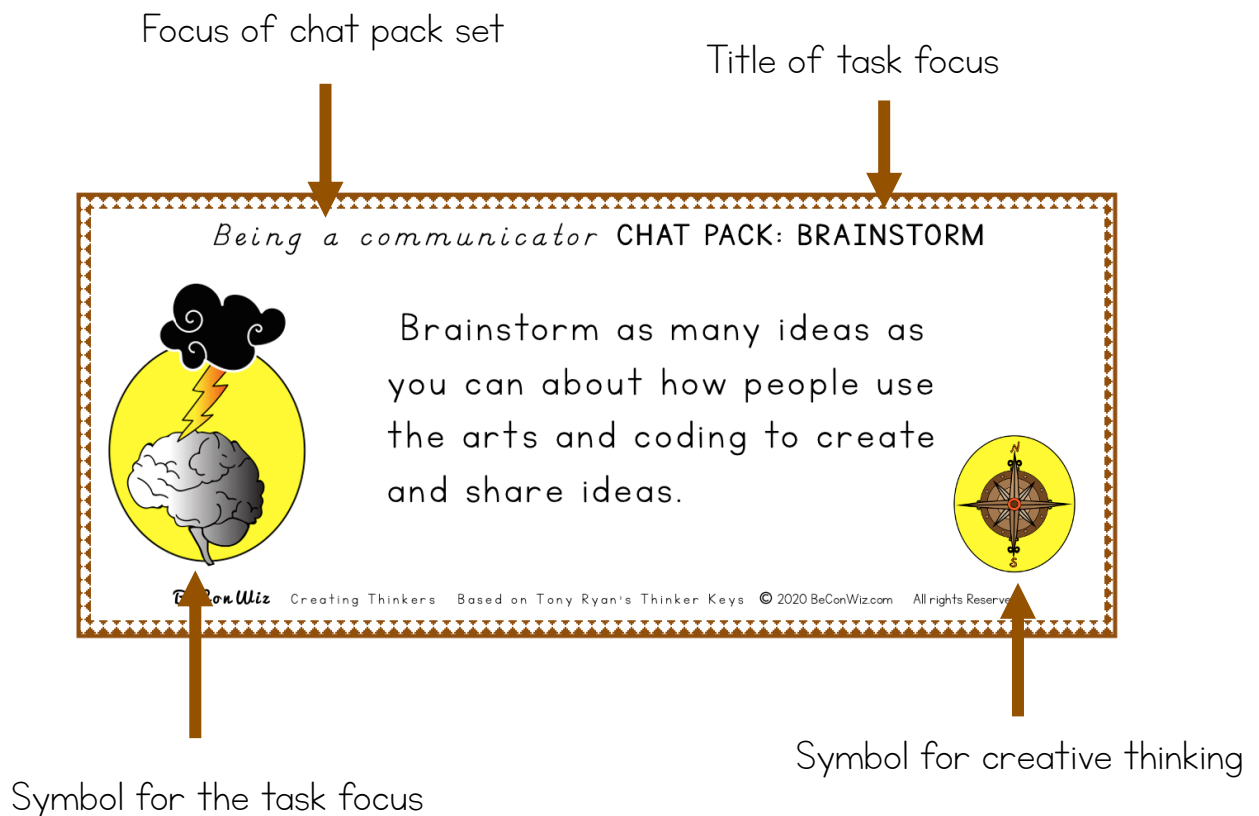
Investigate and discuss the positives and negatives of exploring space.

Symbol for the task focus

Symbol for critical thinking



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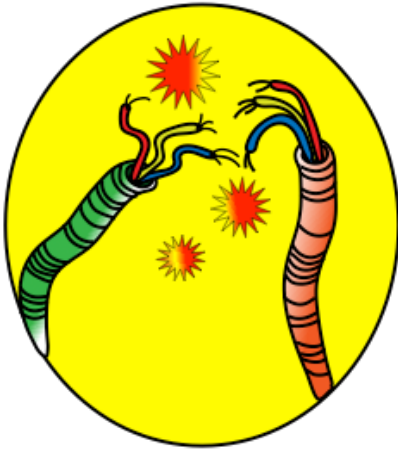
A copy and explanation of each symbol and the thinking required is included at the end of this pack.



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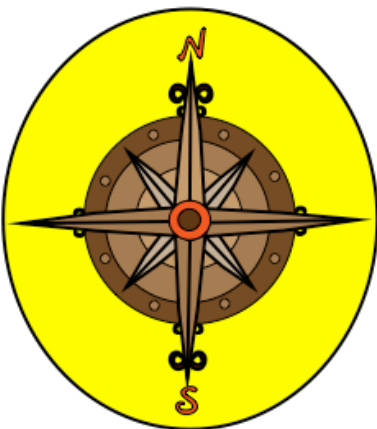
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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: ALTERNATIVE

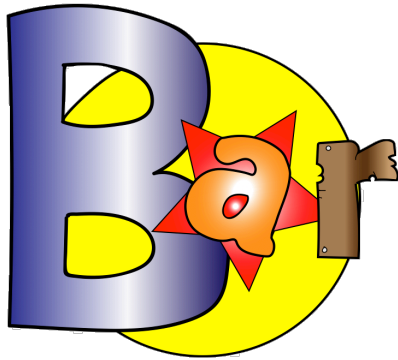


If people couldn't speak, read or write, what are some different ways they could communicate?



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: BAR



Improve a phone by

- Adding one new part
- Making one part bigger
- Replacing one part with something new



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: CROSSING BOUNDARIES

How can you use what you know about patterns to create a new alphabet.



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: FREE THOUGHT

Imagine how living things are communicating with one another. Find a creative way to share what it has you thinking about.



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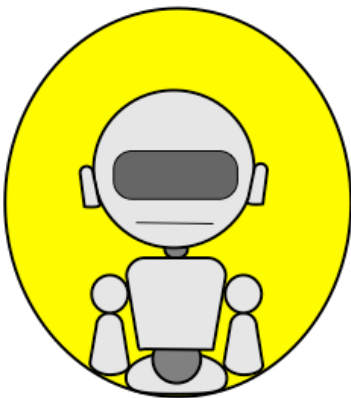
Being a communicator CHAT PACK: GENERATE IMAGINE

Reflect on the different ways people can communicate. Create something that enables people who are deaf or blind to easily send and receive messages.



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: INVENT



Design, invent or create a tool that helps people with different languages or from different cultures communicate clearly with one another.



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: SUPPORT THE STRANGE

Use your wildest imaginings to think how people could use dance to communicate with plants or insects.



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: UPSIDE DOWN

Creatively reimagine how something found in your garden could be used to create a tool for communicating ideas.

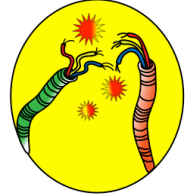


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: ALPHABET

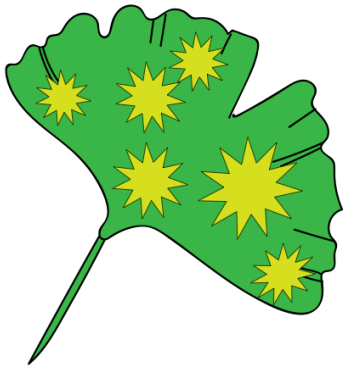


Create an alphabet about the different ways and reasons living things communicate.

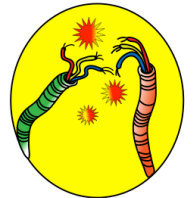


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: ATTRIBUTE

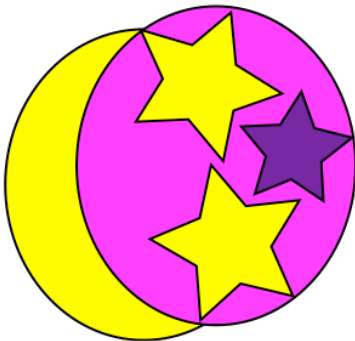


What actions and attitudes do you think a good communicator should have?



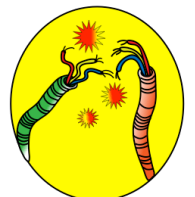
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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: CONNECTIONS



What do flags and pencils have in common?

How do people use flags and pencils to communicate?

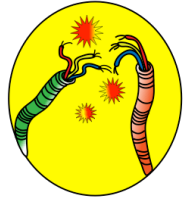


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: PROBLEMS & POSSIBILITIES

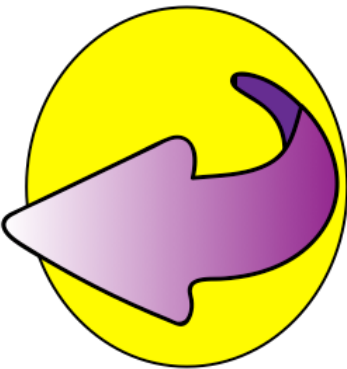


Investigate and discuss the positives and negatives of using words to share ideas.

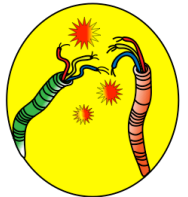


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: REVERSE

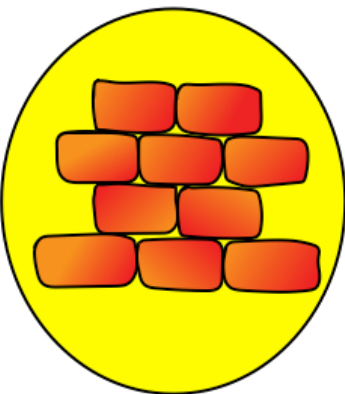


List 10 things that words could never express.



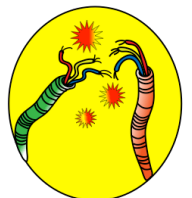
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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: PROVOKE



“Language is only made up of words ”

- Do you think this is true?
- Would others you know agree with this?
- What other perspectives might there be about language?



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: BRAINSTORM

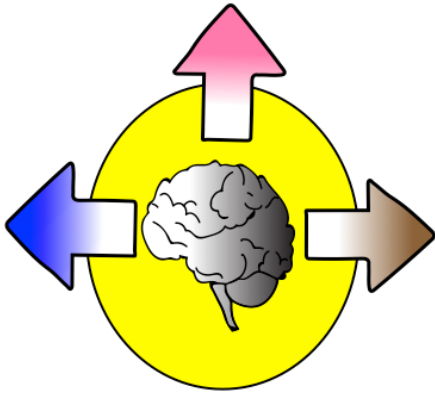


Brainstorm as many ideas as you can about how people use the arts and coding to create and share ideas.

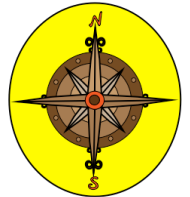


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: EXPAND



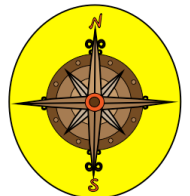
How many ways could you express what you are feeling?



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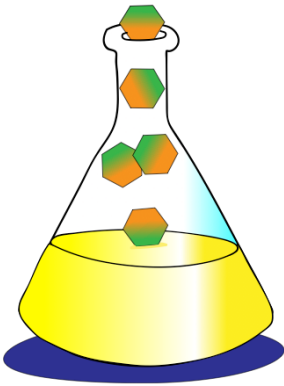
Being a communicator CHAT PACK:RANDOM

Choose a random word from the dictionary
Explore and discuss how this word might connect to being a communicator.



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: FORMULA



Create a recipe that will help people learn a new way of communicating.



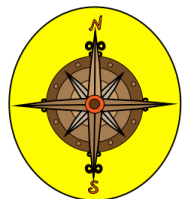
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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: MAKE IT WORK



Problem: Explain where you live using

- Shoes
- A bottle
- String

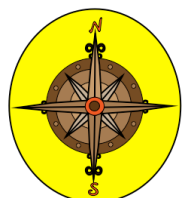


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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: POSE THE PROBLEM

Here is the answer "There are no words"

What could have happened that this answer was needed?



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Being a communicator CHAT PACK: PREDICT

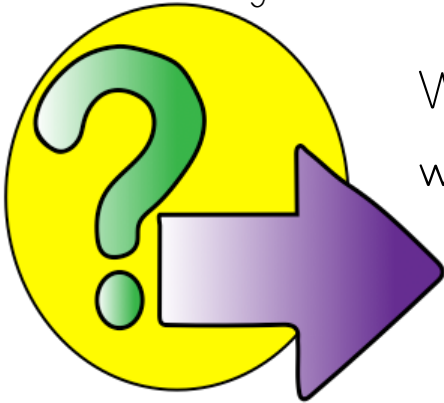


Form a prediction about the way the arts will be used in the future.

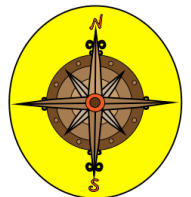


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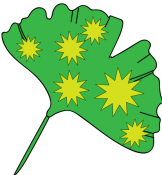

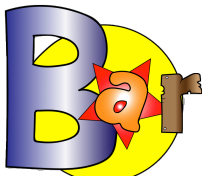


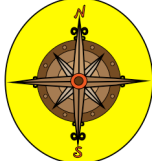
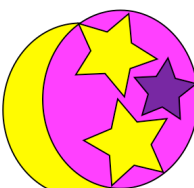

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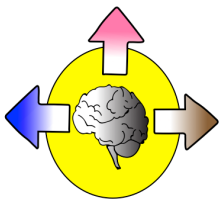
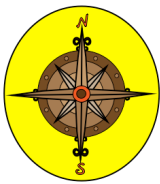
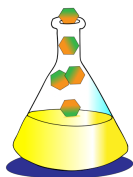
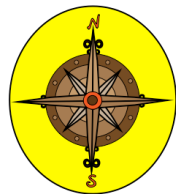


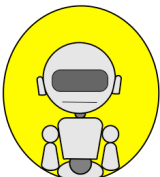



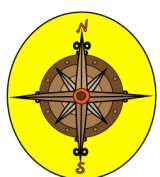



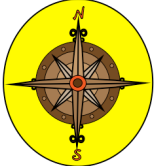

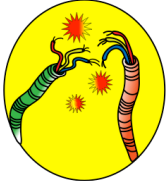
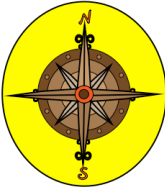
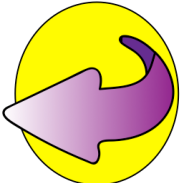
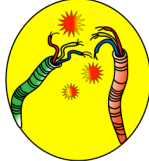
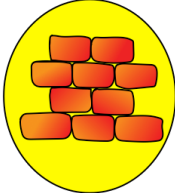




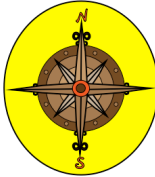
What if you could change 10 words in the dictionary?



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Expand			"How many ways can you...?" Expand your thinking Generate and analyse possibilities and make visible hidden ideas.
Formula			FORMULA Create a recipe or formula showing what is needed to create an object, event or thing
Free Thought			Use a stimulus to encourage your senses to explore and generate ideas (draw, write, build, etc) related to this experience.
Generate Imagine			Engage thinkers to both generate and explore ideas at the same time . Thinkers develop, imagine and evolve mental representations, then use them to develop something physical.
Invent			What could you make, design or invent to solve a particular problem?
Make it work			Use a set of unusual ideas or objects to solve a problem or address an issue.
Pose the problem			Think backwards -look at a possible scenario and instead of asking questions to which there is a correct answer, create a problem that might have created the answer.

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Predict			Think about the effects or perspectives that the future may hold about the past or will predict what the future might look like.
Problem & possibilities			List the good and bad points: Take binary positions about an idea
Random			Choose something random and find a way to connect to a given topic. Think about how this thinking might be used to solve a problem.
Reverse			Think in the opposite direction of a proposed position; propose the things that couldn't ever happen
Provoke			Identify an issue or position and all the ideas that suggest it is problematic or fantastic; use this to provoke and explore the deeper issues, problems or possibilities
Support the strange			Strive for the unusual and explore strange options. Use fantasy thinking. What is the strangest possibility that could be connected to a problem or situation?
Upside down			Take ordinary objects or experiences and creatively reimagine how they function or connect to other things. Thinkers need to turn ideas upside down.
What if...			Generate ideas and make visible new possibilities or propose/ engage with potential actions

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