

Learning objectives

- This activity is useful for transferring factual information amongst the pupils and allowing them to see the connections and links between the statements. It should be done as a summing up activity after all the worksheets have been completed.
- Thinking skills, decision-making, working with others.

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Teacher preparation

- The classroom may need to be arranged to facilitate this group activity.
- The statements for the activity (below), need to be printed and laminated.

Main activity

1. A piece of paper with a statement on it is given to each pupil.
2. Pupils read their statement to ensure they understand its meaning.
3. Pupils move around the room and compare their statement with other people's cards.
4. If pupils cards seem to link up they start to form a cluster and other pupils join them.
5. The pupils give their cluster a name. They can also form sub-clusters.
6. Pupils introduce their clusters to the rest of the class and explain why they have formed a cluster or sub-cluster.

1. My job involves opening the lock gates.

2. I walk along the towpath a lot.

3. I hope the canal doesn't close – if it does I might lose my job.

4. The canal is very important for my business.

5. I do a lot of baking.

6. I like to walk along the towpath on the way home from school.

7. Sometimes I get to ride on the lighters.

8. I like it when the lighters stay overnight.

9. I would like to work on the canal when I am older.

10. The garden needs to be looked after.

11. There is always plenty of work to be done.

12. The boat can move around a lot when you are trying to get to sleep.

13. I like to look at all the birds and wildlife.

14. We get bathed sometimes on the canal bank.

15. We always get bathed in front of the fire.

16. I am very busy, there is cooking, cleaning and looking after the children to be done.

17. I like to make sure I have enough hay.

18. I have to make sure the harness is always in good condition.

19. There is always a lot of work to do when we have to load and unload the cargo.

20. My father is a farmer so I am able to work with a horse that he couldn't use for ploughing.

21. My factory needs the coal off the lighters to run the machinery.

22. I weave linen on a loom.

23. I like to fish in the river.

24. We don't have any running water at home.

Activity: Lagan cluster

25. We get bathed once a week.

26. Sometimes I can swap a bucket of coal for some soda bread.

27. My job involves operating the tiller.

28. I work very hard!

29. I like to go on journeys.

30. I like to sleep on a boat.