

Unusual uses

Student's sheet

In your group, think of a few unusual uses for old things.

<p>old tins (flower pot, ...)</p> <p>You can use old tins as flower pots. You can use old tins for holding pencils. You can use old tins to store Christmas balls.</p>	<p>an old plastic bottle (muesli, ...)</p> <p>You can use an old plastic bottle for keeping muesli. You can ...</p>
<p>an old newspaper (wallpaper, ...)</p> <p>You can use ...</p>	<p>an old toothbrush (to scratch your back, ...)</p> <p>You can use ...</p>
<p>an old coat hanger (car antenna, ...)</p>	<p>an old book (safe for valuables, ...)</p>
<p>old shoelaces (hairband, ...)</p>	<p>old greeting cards (memory game, ...)</p>
<p>old socks (toy for the cat, ...)</p>	<p>old tyres (swing for children, ...)</p>

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Teacher's notes

Preparation:

This is a creative activity, and the aim is for students to discuss unusual uses of old things. Don't forget the fun factor! Have a copy of the student's sheet ready for every student in class.

In class:

Tell your students you are going to do an activity on unusual uses for old things. Draw or write "shoebox" on the board and elicit a few ideas on what you can use an old shoebox for. Then form small groups and have students brainstorm and write down their ideas. They do not have to write full sentences.

While students are collecting their ideas write the ten different items from the student's sheet on the board or on posters around the room with enough space to add some ideas.

When students are finished ask them to go to the board or the posters and collect their ideas there.

At the end, vote for the funniest unusual use. Have a small award for the funniest idea.

Extension activity:

Bring a few old and used things to class and trigger a discussion on what you could do with them. Taking realia to class is more inspiring than simply talking about things.