

RUSSIAN SPACE TRAVEL

LESSON PLAN



Year Group	Year 10 – Year 13	
Overview	This is a cross-curricular activity linking Languages and Science. It is an instructive but fun way of introducing students to the Russian alphabet, numbers and basic sentences whilst focussing on space travel.	
Duration	Approx. 50 mins	
	Introduction to Russian language, how it differs from English, numbers of speakers, link into Russian space travel	5 mins
	Activity 1 – Greetings and introductions in Russian with students practising in pairs	10 mins
	Activity 2 – Working through Russian alphabet and writing names in Russian	10 mins
	Activity 3 - Watching film on Yuri Gagarin	5 mins
	Activity 4 – Russian Space programme presentation, learning space related words and numbers as a countdown.	10 mins
	Activity 5 – Students complete Review Worksheets individually	10 mins
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students get the opportunity to learn a language which may be new to them • Enable students to hold a basic conversation in Russian • Introduce students to Cyrillic alphabet • Give students historical background of Russian space travel 	
Learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise basic greetings, introductions and counting in Russian • Identify Cyrillic alphabet and basic understanding of transliteration between English and Russian • Discuss space travel and practise related vocabulary in Russian 	
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint presentation • Russian vocabulary • YouTube clip on Yuri Gagarin (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umY92y25DrA) • Review Worksheet 	