

Teachers' Notes for *Eck the Bee*

Here are some more ideas and exercises based on activities in the book. Don't forget the answers on page 42! Some readers will race through Eck's games and exercises, others will need more time. But there should be plenty to keep everybody busy.

Eck the Bee poem

Just in case you can't work out some of the words the letters stand for!

A: a
B: bee
C: see
D: dee (die)
E: ee (eye)
F: efter (after)
G: agee (ajar)
H: etch
I: aye (always)
J: jine (join)
K: OK
L: Eh'll (I'll) (Dundonian)
M: Eh'm (I'm) (Dundonian)
N: en (end)
O: Oh
P: pee
Q: queue
R: are
S: confess
T: tea
U: you (stressed form of ye)
V: vie (French: C'est la vie! *That's life!*)
W: double you
X: Eck's
Y: wide
Z: zed zed zed zed (zzzz – snoring)

Ither Beasties

After trying Alphacat, some readers might be interested in other animals and could make an alphabet of beasts with an adjective too. For example:

Match up animals and adjectives from the Alphacat lists, e.g. *a daunert dug, a jaggy jaguar*. Here is a list of animals, Scots and English, to make an animal alphabet book. Remember also to check Susan Rennie's *Animal ABC*, also in the Itchy Coo series

Aiberdeen Angus, attercap (spider)
Baudrons (a pet name for a cat), brock (badger), bubblyjock (turkey)
Coo (cow), cauf (calf), cuddie (horse)
Dug, dunkey
Edder (adder), emmet (ant)
Foumart (ferret), flech (flea)
Grumphie (pig), gled (kite), gowdspink (goldfinch)
Hurcheon (hedgehog), houlet (owl), haddie (haddock)
Ibis, ichthyosaur, impala

Jeelyfish, jaguar
Kangaroo, kittlin (kitten)
Llama, lion, labster (lobster)
Moose (mouse), mowdiewort (mole), mavis (thrush)
Narwhal, norie (puffin)
Owsen (oxen), oobit (hairy caterpillar)
Puddock (frog), partan (crab), papingo (parrot), paitrick (partridge), puggie (monkey)
Quail
Ratton (rat)
Saumon (salmon), sea maw (sea gull), skater (water beetle)
Tup (ram), tod (fox)
Unicorn
Veeper (viper)
Whitterick (weasel), wullcat (wildcat), white houlet (barn owl), whaup (curlew)
X ViXen, oX
Yowe (ewe), yellayite (yellowhammer), yella lintie (yellowhammer)
Zebra

The Twins / Granny

An extra bank of words to describe folk:

Body pairts

lug: ear
airm: arm
fit: foot
chist: chest
craig: neck
thrapple: throat
belly: stomach
wame: stomach
bahookie or bahoochie: bottom
mooth: mouth
hert: heart
taes: toes
pinkie: little finger

Claes

troosers, breeks: trousers
jumper: sweater
semmit: vest
shune: shoes
jaicket: jacket
bunnet: cap
whangs: laces
buits: boots
sark: shirt
galluses: braces
oo: wool
best claes: most dressy clothes
workin claes: working clothes
peenie: apron

Skinnymalinkie Kirstie

This poem could be part of a food topic/project.
Here's an activity sheet that could be adapted:

Eck disna ken ONYBODY that eats as muckle as Kirstie does. Naebody cud! That's why the poem is funny.

Eatin the richt kinds o food is gey important if ye want tae grow up healthy an strang. Healthy food gies ye guid teeth, strang bones an energy.

1. Here are some foods in groups o twa. In every case, pick the ane ye think is better for yer health an mak a list:

*chips/aiipples: chocolate/cheese: popcorn/oranges: ginger/milk: yoghurt/ice-cream:
sweeties/cherries: roast beef/pot noodle: biled egg/crisps: sugar/hinny: cakes/carrots.*

2. Look again at the Kirstie poem. Pick 5 healthy foods Kirstie eats an 5 that arena guid for ye. Mak twa lists.

3. Noo ye can design a poster o "Food that's guid for ye!" Try tae find oot as much as ye can about different kinds o food an hoo foods like meat, fruit an vegetables keep ye healthy. Pit aw this information on yer poster. Mak yer poster funny, bricht an busy.

Eck's Canadian Cousins

Get the class to write a short play using the phrases Wayne and Sam have learned. Use some of their own phrases as well!

Eck the Makar: Mair Silly Rhymes

This is a bit more difficult than the other rhymes, as the bairns have to find the Scots equivalent of the English words.

Eck is tryin tae mak mair rhymes, but he canna mind some o the Scots words for things. Can ye help him find the Scots words for the things that are underlined so that his rhymes work?

1. There's a horsefly on yer leg. (cleg: rhymes with leg)
2. We've a mouse in oor hoose. (moose: rhymes with hoose etc.)
3. I ken it's a hill. (ben)
4. See yon dog oan the rug. (dug)
5. Auntie Beanie wears an apron. (peenie)
6. Open yer eyes, I'm a freen. (een)
7. Hide an seek, but dinna look! (keek)
8. Ma ee's stingin - blame the onion. (ingan)
9. Mind the pet - shut the gate! (yett)
10. Yon's ma auntie, she's aye cheerful. (canty)
11. There's a bug in yer ear. (lug)
12. Park yer bike ahint the wall. (dyke)
13. See ma mate, he's no shy. (blate)
14. Three blind mice werena clever. (wice)
15. Yon auld grumphie's awfy smelly. (humphie)

Mak me intae something else

Here are some easy words. Chynge ane letter in every underlined word tae mak it intae something else.

Example: Mak a coo intae a pigeon. ANSWER : doo

1. A dug becomes a puddle. ANSWER: dub
2. A lug turns intae a chimney. ANSWER: lum
3. A tap becomes a toe. ANSWER: tae
4. A bean grows intae a child. ANSWER: wean
5. Yer haun becomes half. ANSWER: hauf
6. A leaf turns honest. ANSWER: leal
7. A loop turns intae a jump. ANSWER: lowp
8. Your heart becomes scared. ANSWER: feart
9. Saut turns tae sand. ANSWER: saun
10. Yer heid turns red. ANSWER: reid
11. Candy becomes cheerful. ANSWER: canty
12. Mud gaes mad! ANSWER: wud
13. A duke turns intae a wall. ANSWER: dyke
14. A kirk is made intae a birch tree. ANSWER: birk
15. Yer class turns intae yer clothes. ANSWER: claes
16. Ane becomes yes! ANSWER: aye
17. The moon turns round. ANSWER: roon
18. Hair becomes sore. ANSWER: sair
19. Little turns easily upset. ANSWER: kittle
20. A door turns stubborn. ANSWER: dour

Eck's Pairty

Imagine you were at Eck's pairty. Write a thank-ye letter an tell him aw the things ye liked the best . Ye can make up mair things that MICHT hae happened, if ye like!