

Kanker's kollection

Lay out an array of objects on a table (label them if you wish) in the middle of a circle of chairs

Hold a Kanker audition; ask everyone to demonstrate their best crab claws, their best crab walking and their best crab voice ('all together now "Kanker ov vy!"

Choose a 'volunteer' to leave their chair, become a crab, and pick up an object (say, a toy cat).

Ask "Pyth eus genes?
What have you got? Pyth eus genes?"

Encourage the whole class to join in with asking this question.
Teach the volunteer to hold up the object and say in a crabby voice "Yma genev vy kath!"

Now ask the volunteer to pass on the object to a classmate.

Tell this second pupil to pick up a second object (say, a mug) from the table whilst keeping hold of the first object (the cat). Lead the whole class in asking "Pyth eus genes?"

The second pupil now needs to reply "Yma genev vy kath hag yma genev vy hanaf"

The two objects are handed to a third pupil and so on, each pupil adding an object to the list. The challenge is to see how long a list you can generate without a) forgetting the name of an object or b) dropping an object.

When all the objects are returned to the table the pupil can happily proclaim "Nyns eus genev vy travyth!" (I have nothing).

A variation allows pupils to 'opt out' of accepting the challenge. When approached by the pupil carrying all the objects, a pupil may put on their crabbiest voice and say "Ke dhe ves!" (Go away!).

The poor object-carrier then has to move on to find another willing victim.

(No more than two consecutive "Ke dhe ves!" are allowed; the third person HAS to accept the challenge)