

KEY QUESTION:

What is cancer and how can Macmillan help?

This task is linked to elements of the National Curriculum including PSHE/ Learning for Life and Work/ Health and Wellbeing, English, ICT and Science. Further links can be made to the *Every Child Matters Outcome Framework (2008)*.

Resources

- a photocopy of the activity sheet for each pupil
- **optional:** the *Cancertalk DVD, Jenny's diary*, scenes 1 and 2 – available as part of the *Cancertalk KS3* teaching pack and downloadable from macmillan.org.uk/schools. Hard copies can also be ordered online, or by calling **0845 601 1716**. Alternatively you can download clips on our website for young people: whybother.org.uk
- website access – to know how Macmillan Cancer Support helps people living with cancer: macmillan.org.uk/schools

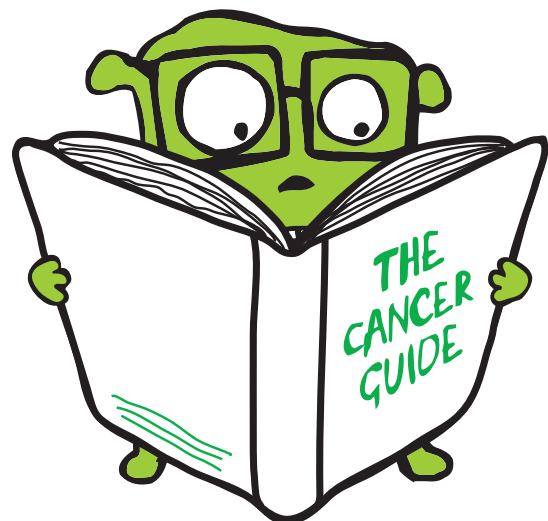
Desired learning outcomes

- Learn the basic facts about cancer.
- Consider and empathise with the emotions often felt by people who are affected by cancer.
- Learn about how Macmillan helps people with cancer.

What to do

Explain how the body's cells grow, what cancer is, how it is treated, and how Macmillan helps people living with cancer. Use information from our youth website whybother.org.uk or from the *Cancertalk* teaching pack to support this.

Your students should then watch, listen to, or read about the real-life stories from the *Cancertalk DVD, Living with cancer* or from the *Why Bother?* website. Then have a go at completing the activity sheet. You may also wish to have a go at the additional activities.



Your name:.....

Activity:

UNDERSTANDING CANCER

Macmillan Cancer Support helps people living with cancer. We provide very special care in many ways. Try and complete the activities on the sheets and use our website for young people to help: whybother.org.uk

1. How does cancer develop?

2. You can catch cancer. True or false?

3. Name and describe the three main ways cancer is treated.

4. How might cancer change a person's life? What would be different?

5. Word search

O I W T A D M E D I C I N E
 R A I N N Y I C P J H R C X
 V B W E U G N E N E E R C S
 N Y H E T R V R T C C P A F
 G H C R R D Y U R H K R B O
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 U S S E L T E R A S I C B Z
 B S M O K I N G S B R M H O

find these ten words: Macmillan, nurse, healthy, chemotherapy, diet, cell, smoking, doctor, tumour, medicine

6. What does Macmillan Cancer Support do?

What do you think Carey wants us to understand from her story and poem?

7. Here is a short story and poem written by Carey, 16, who had cancer:

Hello. My name is Carey. I wrote this poem when I was being treated for leukaemia – a type of cancer. I’ve gone through things like chemotherapy, feeling sick, losing my hair and not being at school for months. I’ve had lots of help from my teachers and friends, am getting good grades and learning to play the violin and loving life.

Go to macmillan.org.uk/schools for more information on cancer and how you can help people living with it.

Nobody likes the word
 Nobody likes to hear it
 To some it means death
 To us it means life
 Don't give up hope
 Don't give in to the word
 Fight the word, because that's all it is
 To me cancer means love life, not death.



Activity one

Based on the poem on the activity sheet, pupils should have a go at writing one to inspire or support someone with cancer – or even describe a similar situation they have been in when they've been ill, or how they've cheered up someone who has been ill. These can be sent to your local Macmillan office, and may be included on our schools' website for people to read.

Activity two

Pupils produce a short role-play that helps the audience understand how people with cancer often feel and how they want to be treated. They could also include an example of how Macmillan helps people living with cancer, such as Macmillan health professionals, Macmillan grants (financial support), and the cancer specialist support available by calling **0800 808 00 00**. Why not invite a local Macmillan representative to come and see the plays?

Event idea: These activities could be done while taking part in, or in the run up to one of Macmillan Cancer Support's events such as The Big Sports Day, The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Walk with us, or even your fundraising event for Macmillan. For more details, see macmillan.org.uk/schools

(If pupils are affected by cancer, either directly or indirectly, you can order our publication, *Talking to children when an adult has cancer* from macmillan.org.uk/publications. Alternatively, call our cancer support specialists on **0800 808 00 00** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 9pm).)

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