

KEY QUESTION:

Where can I find out more about cancer?

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

- whiteboard/flipchart, pens
- A3 sheets of paper
- website access – to know how Macmillan Cancer Support helps people living with cancer and to find out facts about cancer: macmillan.org.uk/schools

Desired learning outcomes

- Learn the facts about cancer.
- Use the Macmillan website as a way of exploring how messages are communicated to different audiences.
- Understand how Macmillan helps people with cancer.

What to do

Either in pairs, groups, or as a whole class, hold a brainstorm to identify what your pupils know about cancer (including misconceptions or incorrect information). This information could be categorised under headings such as ‘types’, ‘symptoms’, ‘treatment’ and ‘impact on life’.

On the board, record the results of the discussion under the first two headings:

What do we know?

What do we want to know?

What have we found out?

These headings can be used as a running reference point throughout the lesson. Your pupils could use their own versions, either written or as a spreadsheet. Next, go through the facts about cancer you have collected. Or together, go through the facts on our youth website, whybother.org.uk, comparing the results listed under the first heading.

Then complete the third question with the key points that pupils have found out. Going to other sections of the website will help pupils learn other interesting information about cancer and the related issues. They should be clued-up enough to complete the quiz on whybother.org.uk/learn and they should also be able to answer the questions on the activity sheet.

Your name:.....

Activity:

FACTS ABOUT CANCER

Macmillan Cancer Support helps people living with cancer. We provide **practical, medical, emotional** and **financial** support. Use the website (whybother.org.uk) to help you and try to complete the following questions:

1. What is the common age for a person to develop cancer?

6. How many young people in the UK do you think are diagnosed with cancer every day?

- a) 6 b) 60 c) 600

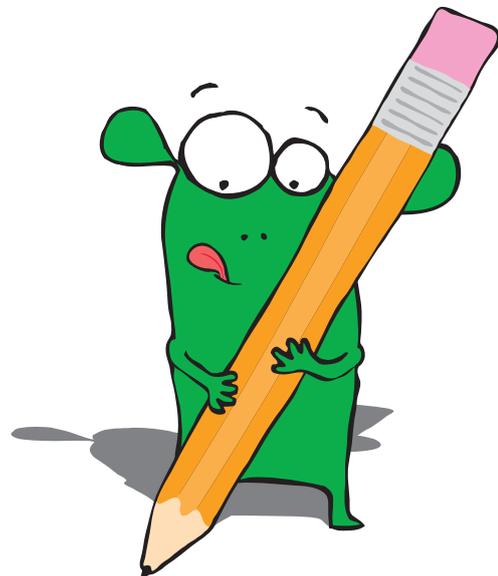
2. What is a tumour and which type of tumour is harmless?

3. What type of cancer is most common in children and young people?

4. You can catch cancer from someone else – true or false?

5. What are the three main types of treatment for cancer?

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7. Try to unscramble these words and phrases linked to issues around cancer.

- a) anrec
- b) lislens fo dosby' lecls
- c) seracnouc leslc kepe vidindig ni na troonluncled yaw
- d) wot hendrud septy fo rcecan
- e) keaumleai
- f) leph leppoe whit nacrec

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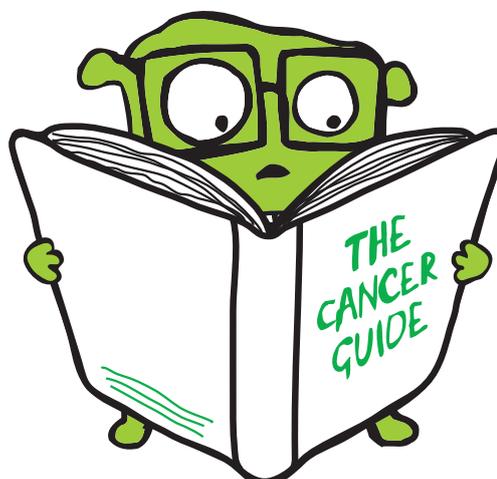
8. What ratio of people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetime?

More than ____ in ____

9. What does Macmillan Cancer Support do?

10. How can you help people to understand more about cancer?

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



The students can now discuss ways to promote what they think are the key facts about cancer, including where to go to get more information and help. This can include producing art to be displayed in your local hospital or Macmillan office, and designing posters to be displayed in the classroom or around school.

If questions arise and answers cannot be found on the website, or in the two teaching packs offered by Macmillan (see more information on the *Cancertalk* and *Keep healthy, be active* teaching pack at macmillan.org.uk/schools), then you could add a fourth question to the list: 'What do we still need to know?' This list can then either be sent to us by email, or posted to our head office (see below for the address). The Schools and Youth team will try to answer the questions or find specialists who can. We will then send you a response as soon as possible.

Additional activity

In pairs, pupils could analyse specific features of the website, such as which sections they think are more useful, what they would improve and why, and opinions on the tone of language and colour schemes. Send your ideas to us at Macmillan Cancer Support's head office (see below for the address). In return, we will send a selection of freebies to the school or group, so be sure each response includes your school's address and class.

(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) or call our cancer support specialists on **0800 808 00 00** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 9pm).)

www.macmillan.org.uk/schools

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Answers to Facts about cancer activity sheet

1. 65 years old and over
2. cluster of abnormal cells, a benign tumour is harmless
3. leukaemia
4. false
5. a) Surgery.
b) Chemotherapy.
c) Radiotherapy.
6. Six young people are diagnosed with cancer every day.
7. a) cancer.
b) illness of body's cells.
c) cancerous cells keep dividing in an uncontrolled way.
d) two hundred types of cancer.
e) leukaemia.
f) help people with cancer.
8. More than one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetime.
9. Macmillan Cancer Support helps people living with cancer.
10. Talking and explaining more about cancer.