

My languages passport



Lealands High School

Name:

Dear students,

Even if the school year has not started, we are delighted to welcome you to Lealands High School in a few weeks time. You will be given a language (French or Spanish) that you will study for the next three or five years. It is, for you, the opportunity to open yourself to another culture outside of the UK.

In the Languages department, we will push you to achieve the best for your GCSEs but we also put an emphasis on building the skills you will need to become citizens of the modern world by showing you the similarities and the differences you have experienced in your life with the cultures you may encounter in other countries.

For this reason, we would like to offer you a linguistic and cultural trip around the world through this Languages Passport before you join us in September. You will learn about China, Japan, France, Spain, Germany and even learn the alphabet in British Sign Language. We hope you are excited.

We are looking forward to meeting you in person and teaching you French or Spanish!

The Languages Department

The Chinese characters

As you may know, there are a lot of regional languages in China but all schools teach Mandarin so people can communicate from one region to another. Unlike English, each word is not written with letters but with little icons/ drawings called characters.

These are how the numbers are pronounced and written in Chinese.

yī	èr	sān	sì	wǔ	liù
一	二	三	四	五	六
1	2	3	4	5	6
qī	bā	jiǔ	shí	líng	
七	八	九	十	零	
7	8	9	10	0	

Challenges:

1) Practice writing in Mandarin. Copy a line of each:

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1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10





2) Which one was the easiest? Explain why.

3) Which one was the hardest? Explain why.

4) Look at 1, 2 and 3. Do you see some kind of logic or pattern? Explain what you see.

5) Complete the gaps with Chinese numbers (several answers are possible):

 AND  MAKES _____ .

 AND  AND  AND  MAKES _____ .

_____ MINUS _____ is equal to  .

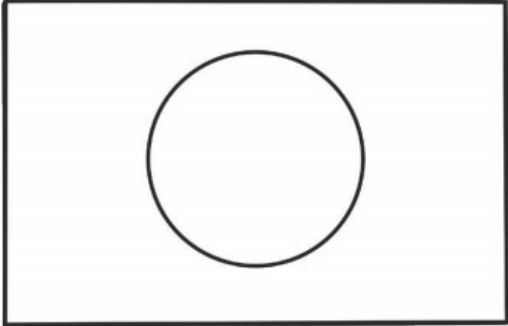

_____ MULTIPLIED BY _____ is equal to  .

6) Just below, you can see how Chinese people write 20. Now, how would you write 30?

  is 20 _____ = 30

Japan

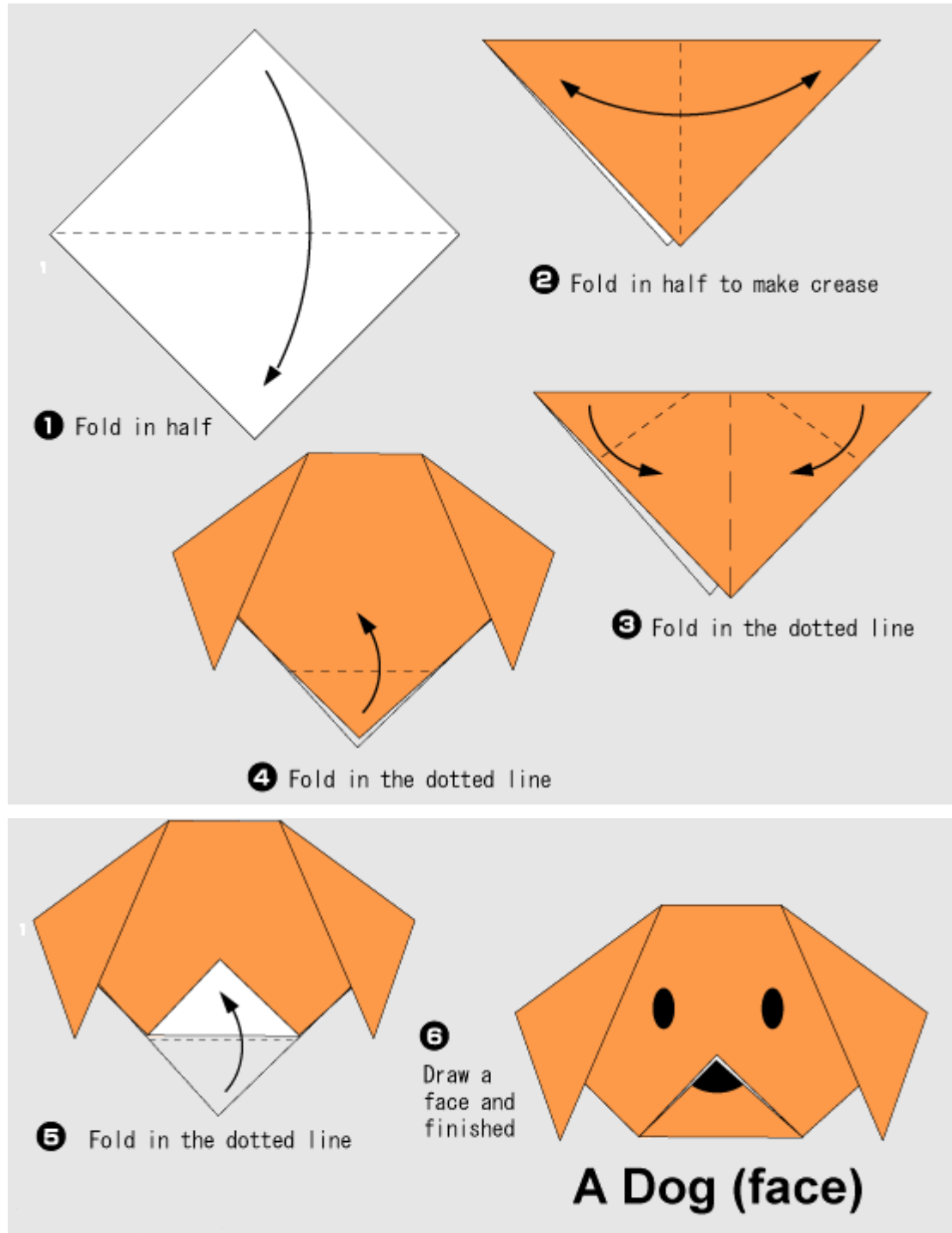
Use non-fiction books and the Internet to find out information about Japan.

Capital City:	Country Flag:
Population:	
Language Spoken:	
Location of Country:	
	Bordering Countries:
Famous Landmarks:	Famous People:
Popular Food:	Popular Activities or Sports:
Traditions:	National Anthem:
Other Interesting Facts:	

Challenge :

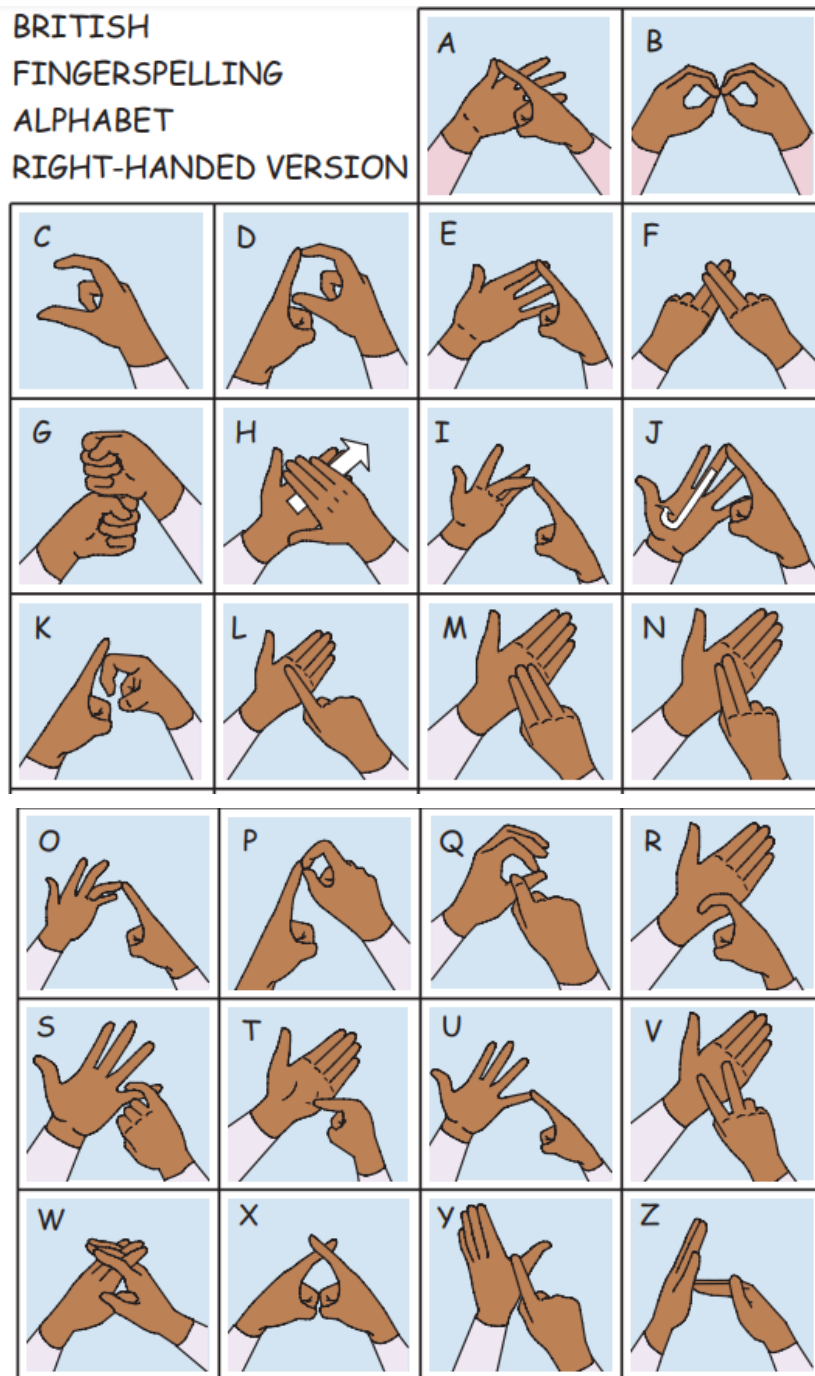
In Japanese, “ori” means “folding” and “kami” paper. Origami then means “folding paper”. Let’s try to fold a piece of paper into a dog. Make sure to have a squared paper (not a rectangle).

There are other origamis and tutorials available on the internet (especially Youtube). Do not hesitate to do other ones if you can! Let’s see how creative you can be.



British Sign Language

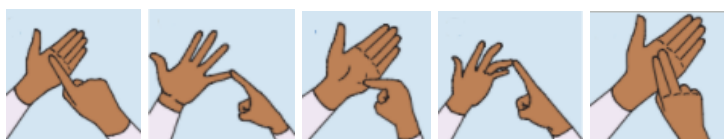
BSL (British Sign Language) is used by a large number of deaf and mute people in the UK. Between 100 000 and 200 000 people use this language on a daily basis. Like all languages, there is an alphabet and there are words. Please have a look at the alphabet and try to complete the challenges on the next page!



Challenges:

If possible, find someone to do these challenges with:

- 1) Using your hands only, try to say the whole alphabet.
- 2) Using your hands only, try to say your name.
- 3) What do these words mean in written English? Write the correct answer in the space provided.





- 4) If you found someone to do this task with, try to say a word using BSL and make them guess it. Once finished, switch and try to guess a word from them.
- 5) Say all the vowels in a row using BSL. A, E, I, O, U. What do you notice?

German

At Lealands High School, you will have a weekly vocabulary test in French or Spanish. You will need to try and remember twenty words in a foreign language and their translations every week. It is important that you do your best to remember a language's vocabulary to help you develop your memory and communication skills

Try to see if you can learn these colours in German before starting the next page.

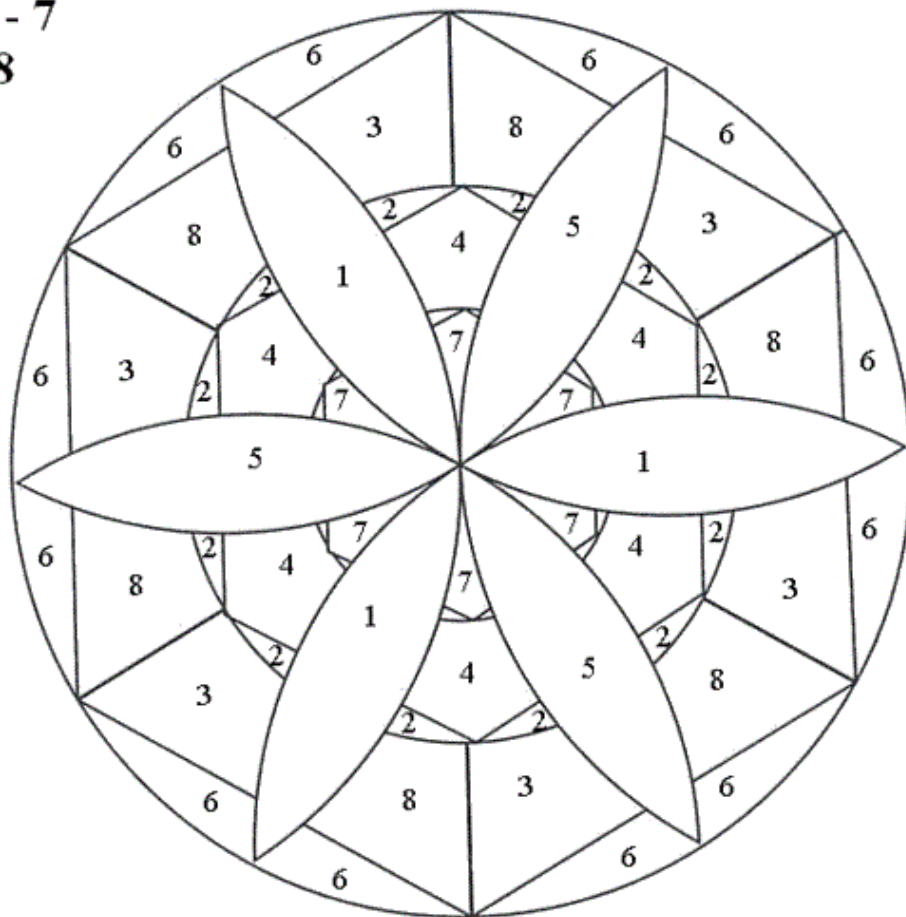
die Farben - Colours

-  rot - red
-  blau - blue
-  gelb - yellow
-  grün - green
-  orange - orange
-  lila - purple
-  weiß - white
-  schwarz - black
-  grau - grey
-  rosa - pink
-  braun - brown
-  indigoblau - indigo

Challenge:

Colour this rosette but follow the colour code!

Blau - 1
Weiß - 2
Grün - 3
Orange - 4
Rot - 5
Gelb - 6
Schwarz - 7
Braun - 8



French crêpes!

Crepes are a famous sugary dish from France. They are very thin pancakes that can be eaten with sugar, chocolate or strawberries with whipped cream, off course! Bon appétit!

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 1/2 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/8 cup water
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- tiny dash of salt



Instructions:

1. Whisk all the ingredients, except the flour, together. Add in the flour, a little bit at a time, whisking just until the flour has been mixed in.
2. Let the crepe batter rest for 10 minutes. Then, give the batter a quick whisk again before using.
3. Grease a non-stick, 6" skillet with unsalted butter and heat over medium heat. Pour about 2-3 tablespoons worth of batter into the pan and tip the pan from side to side to get the batter to spread out throughout the pan.
4. **WITH AN ADULT**, cook each side of the crepe for 30 seconds before gently loosening up the edges with a large spatula. If it lifts, then the crepe is ready to be flipped. If it doesn't lift up very well, give it 10 to 15 more seconds and try again. Gently lift the crepe out of the pan, then flip over into the pan and cook the other side for another 10 to 15 seconds; remove to cool.

The Spanish tortilla

Spanish is not only spoken in Spain but also in South America and in Mexico. We would like to share with you an easy tortilla recipe. You MUST do it **with an adult**.

Ingredients:



potatoes 2 medium, peeled and thinly sliced

olive oil

onion 1, sliced

chorizo 50g, chopped

eggs 4, beaten

parsley ½ a bunch, chopped

Instructions:

STEP 1

Heat a pan of boiling salted water and cook the potatoes until just tender. Drain well. Heat a tbsp of olive oil in a small non-stick frying pan and cook the onion until softened. Add the chorizo and cook for a few minutes then stir in the parsley.

STEP 2

Beat the eggs in a large bowl and season really well. Tip the potatoes, onion and chorizo into the bowl then mix and stir.

STEP 3

Wipe out the frying pan then add a tbsp more oil and heat again. Tip in the egg mix and leave over a medium heat until the bottom is browned and the top is set. Flip the tortilla onto a plate then slide the uncooked side down back into the pan. Cook for another 5 minutes until the bottom is set.