

Red, Amber, Green

You will need sheets of coloured paper: 3 red, 2 amber (or yellow), 5 green (you can vary this to suit your library)

- Write a number clearly on each sheet, so that you have 1-10
- Attach the red sheets to things that have to be used in the library e.g. a reference book, a People's Network computer, the photocopier
- Attach the amber sheets to things which can be borrowed, but for which there is a charge e.g. a DVD, an audio book
- Attach the green sheets to things which can be borrowed free e.g. a picture book, a children's story tape, children's non fiction, adult fiction, adult non fiction
- Give each trio a recording sheet
- Explain that there are 10 numbered sheets of paper that they have to find in the library.
- Show them the colours and explain what each means

Their task is to find each sheet of paper, and on their recording sheet make a note against the number of what it is, the colour and what this means

Show and Tell Box

Include examples of all the types of material that can be borrowed, or that are portable, and laminated pictures of other objects that might be found in the library – photocopier, computer, fax machine etc. You can also include rogue items e.g. a pair of socks. You can use this to enforce what they have learned from the Red, Amber, Green activity, or instead of it if the library is too busy, too small etc.

Pull out each item in turn and ask questions such as:

What is this?

Can you borrow it?

Can you use it in the library?

Do you have to pay to use it / borrow it?

Give more information as appropriate.



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Number	What is it?	Colour
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		