



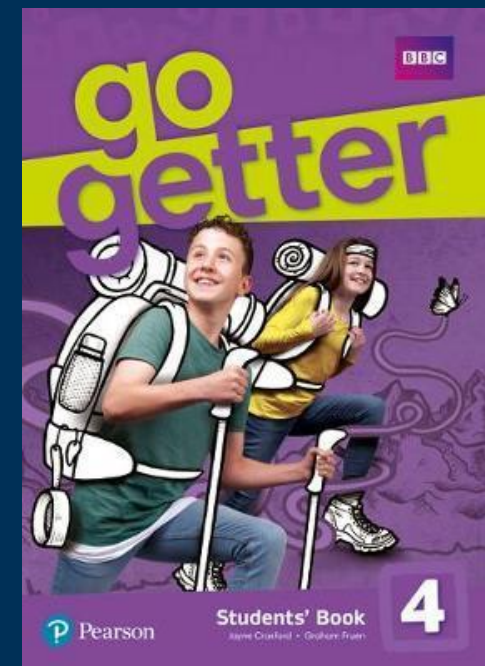
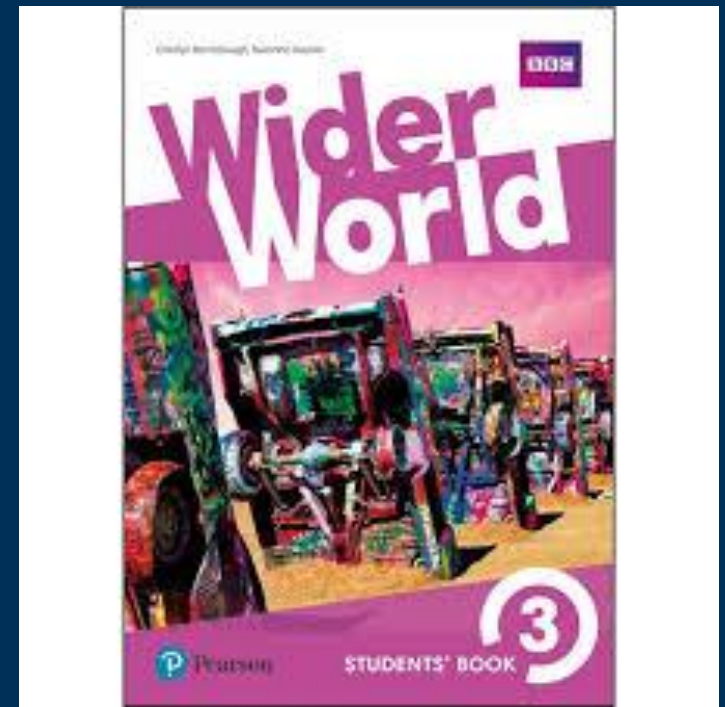
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Reading, Writing, Fun. In that order.

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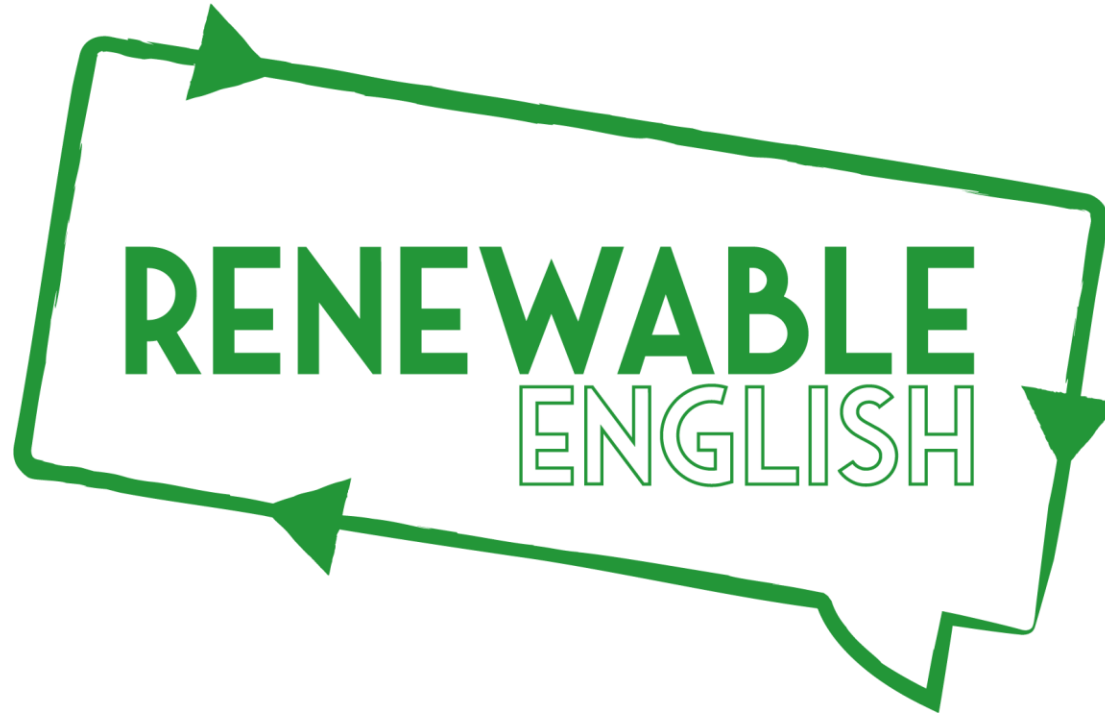


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The Masked Classroom: 13 engaging activities you can still use



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There are no questions about it, the **landscape of the classroom has changed**. No matter which way you look at it, teaching may never be the same again. From one day to the next we went from face-to-face teaching to being stuck at home trying to figure out just how to get our ideas across to our students through a computer screen.

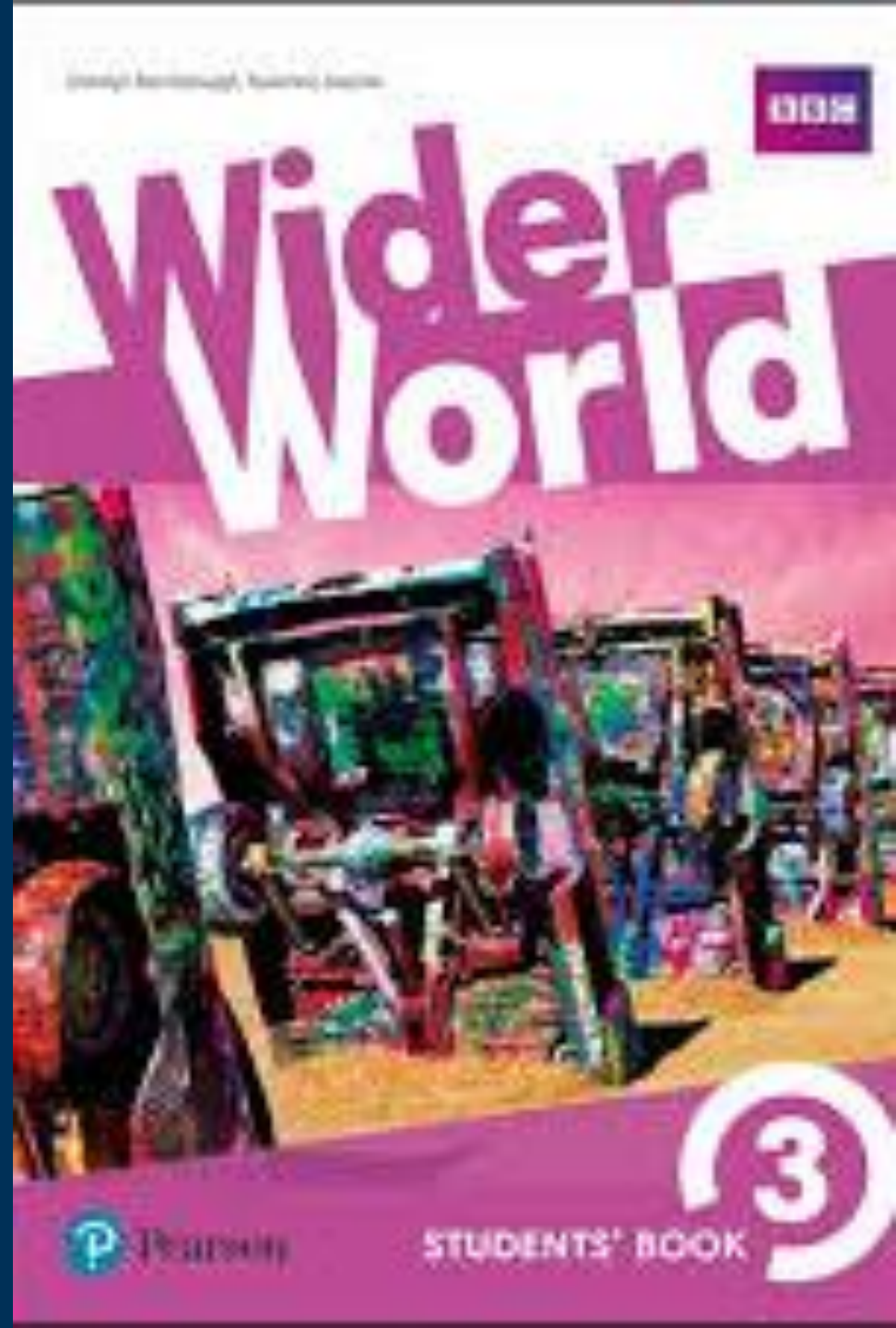
We've since been thrown back onto the front line and a great number of us are **back in the classroom**. Only now we've got brand new issues to deal with. In this blog post I'm going to provide you with **13 activities** that will keep your classes **active and engaging** despite these essential restrictions which have been put into place



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Wider Word

Reading



Is it important to travel?

YES

NO



Getting Teens to Read

Life is fascinating, no matter where you live. You just have to look at it in the right way.



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[Booker Mitchell](#)

<http://bookertravels.com/>

What does Booker do?

Most travellers know that learning a new language can make a holiday more fun. But what about *frontside*, *lipslide*, *kickflip* ... ? What sort of language is this?

Describe the picture

How old is he?

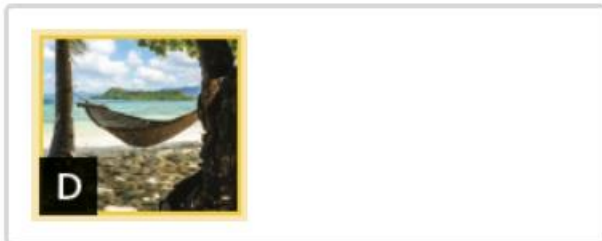
What is he doing?

Where is he?

Give Reasons for your answers



What are they?



Make Videos

iPod

Hammock

Planning

Reading Race

You have 73 seconds to read as much of the text as possible.

3.....2.....1.....



Go

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- 5 It's the international language of the skateboarding world and a language that teens like Booker Mitchell from New York know well. It has helped him to explore different places around the world and meet local people in different countries. Booker knows he's lucky to have parents who
- 10 have always travelled with him. He's made videos of his trips since he was young. With the help of his mum, who's a filmmaker, Booker has made videos that share an experience of skateboarding and surfing with the rest of the world.

Booker loves travelling and enjoys the feeling of adventure that goes with it. He doesn't think you should travel with a lot of luggage and says the most important thing is to feel comfortable wherever you are. His favourite place to sleep is in a hammock, even if he's at home in New York! Of course, like the rest of us, there are some things Booker has to travel with. In his case, it's a skateboard or surfboard, a video camera and a notebook.

- Does Booker sometimes go on holiday at the last minute? No way! Planning a trip is really important. Before every trip, he makes a list of where he wants to go sightseeing and why. He
- 25 learns about the culture, food, music and scenery. He thinks that's the best way to enjoy somewhere.

- Back at home, Booker rides his skateboard to school. He never takes the same route and always listens to a different song on his iPod. He likes to see the different things that are
- 30 happening around him. 'Life is fascinating, no matter where you live', he says. 'You just have to look at it the right way.'

When did you read them?



Planning



Make Videos



iPod



Hammock

When did you read them?



Planning

3rd



Make Videos

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iPod

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Hammock

2nd

Alone

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30 happening around him. 'Life is fascinating, no matter where you live', he says. 'You just have to look at it the right way.'

In groups

Take turns to tell each other what your paragraph was about then answer the questions.



1 What has skateboarding language helped Booker to do?

2 Why does Booker think he's lucky?

3 What does Booker like about travelling?

4 What does Booker always travel with?

5 How does Booker get to school?

Alone

Quickly read the text again and fill in the gaps

- 1 Booker's has helped him with his skateboarding and surfing videos.
- 2 Booker doesn't think it's right to take much when you travel.
- 3 When he's travelling or at home, Booker prefers to in a hammock.
- 4 It's important for Booker to where he wants to go on a trip.
- 5 At home, Booker always uses a different to get to school.
- 6 Booker thinks that if you look at life in the right way, it's .

After Reading

Do you travel light? What are the 5 most important things you need to take with you when you travel.

Share your ideas with a partner. Decide on a top three and present them to the class.



Make a meme

[Meme generator](#)

People think you're
a famous skateboarder

Your mum just makes holiday videos



Some Fun Fillers

City Race

Why is there a monkey in your bag?

Chatbox Challenge

Breakout Investigations



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Writing

BBC

go getter



 Pearson

Students' Book
Karin Crawford • Graham Funn

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Before you Write

Tell your partner about your best holiday. EVER!

Where did you go?



Did you visit any famous places?



What did you do on the trip?



What was the best thing about the trip?



An Email to a friend

Put these in order

Hope you're having a good summer too.
Write and tell me your news.
Bye for now!
Paul

A

Hi, Emma,
How are you? I'm writing to you from the beach! I'm on a school trip in Barcelona and I'm having a great time!

B

Tomorrow we're going to the Camp Nou football stadium, so I can meet a famous FC Barcelona player! Then we're off to Tibidabo theme park. I'm looking forward to the roller coaster rides!

C

So far we've done loads of things. We've been to the Barcelona Aquarium. The sharks there are really frightening! We've been surfing too – there's a really good surfing club here! We've also taken a cable car to the castle on Montjuic hill. It's really cool!

D

An email

Hi, Emma,

B 1 How are you? I'm writing to you from the beach! I'm on a school trip in Barcelona and I'm having a great time!

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A 4 Hope you're having a good summer too. Write and tell me your news.

Bye for now!
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Questions

Who is on holiday?

Who is he writing to?

Where did he go on holiday?

What are the three pictures?

Which activities has he already done?

Which one will he do tomorrow?

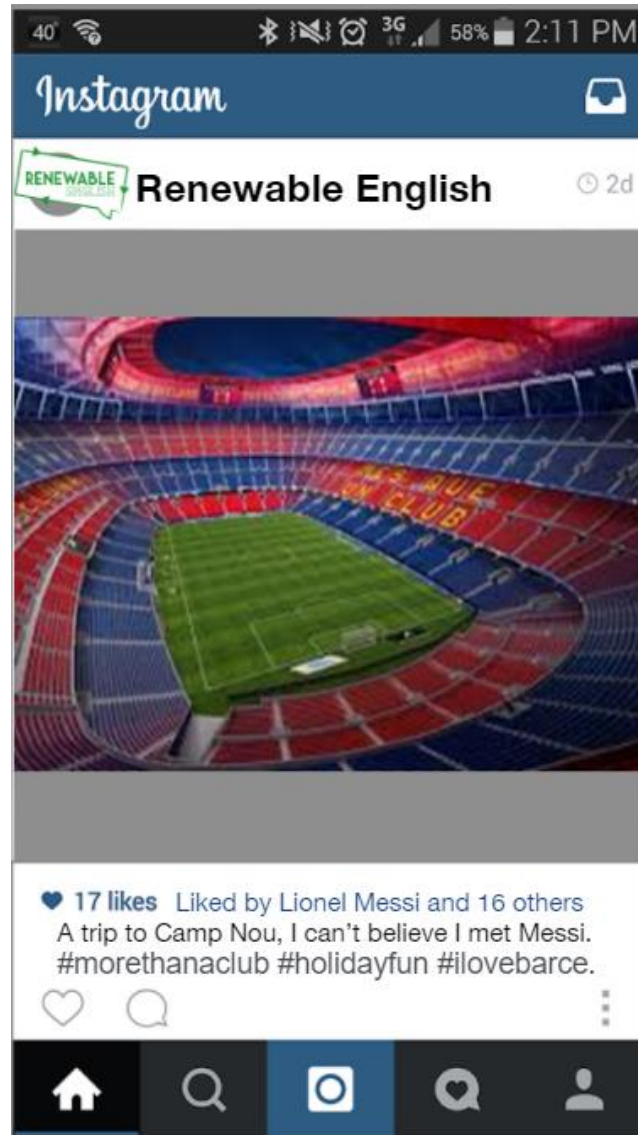


Insta Post

Choose a picture and write an Instagram post for it.

Which hash tags would you use?

[Insta template](#)



Imagine you're on holiday

Where are you?

City, Beach, Mountains, Countryside

What have you done?

Theme park, Beach, Sightseeing

What are you going to do?

City Tour, Museum, Zoo



Let's go to London

Have you ever been to London?



Look at the things you can see and do in London.

Tick (✓) the activities you would like to do.

- take a boat ride on the river
- see the Globe Theatre
- go shopping in Oxford Street
- ride on the London Eye
- visit the Natural History Museum



What else could you do in London?

Visit Buckingham Palace, Go to a football Match,
Visit the Science Museum, Go on a city tour

Planning your email

Writing A holiday email

1 Beginning

How are you? Thanks for your email.
I'm writing this email in *Barcelona*.
The weather is *great*.

2 What you have done

So far we've done loads of things.
We've been to ...
We've seen ...

3 What you are doing tomorrow

Tomorrow we're *going / visiting* ...
Then we're off to ...
I'm looking forward to ...

4 Ending

Write and tell me your news.
Bye for now. See you soon.



Draft

Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the Writing box to help you.



Check and write

Remember you are writing to a friend, so use informal language.

Informal language

When you write to a friend, use informal language, e.g.

- **short forms:** *I'm writing ... We've done ...*
- **informal expressions:** *We're off to ... It's really cool!*
- **informal beginnings and endings:** *Hi! Bye for now!*



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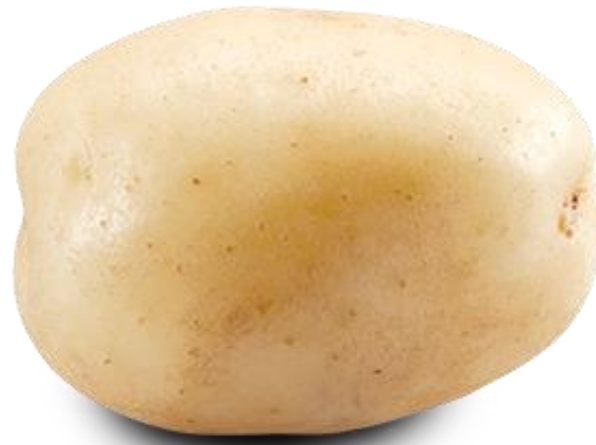
Fun Fillers



Ad Something



It's a Potato



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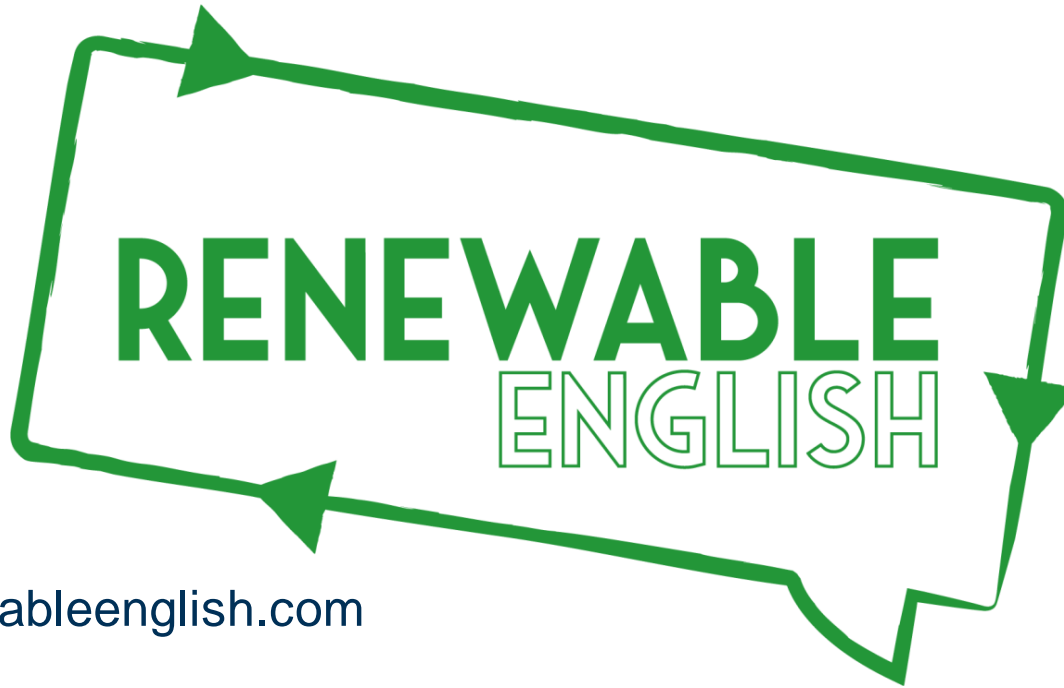
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