

Frodo's Supplies

A paired work activity based around the adventures of Frodo and Sam (The Lord of the Rings)

Objective:

- To work in pairs.
- To practise using *How Much/ How Many?*
- To make a supply list for Frodo
- To work with a partner to find the differences in the supply lists

Level: Elementary

Age: 11-14

Time: 1 hour

Materials: photocopies of table A and B for each student

1. Explain that Frodo and Sam have been on their journey now for a few weeks. (At this stage you could brainstorm some of the adventures they have encountered, for example, crossing a marsh, fighting with a spider, fighting the orks or fighting with Gollum. Although Frodo feels they are very close to their destination, he is worried about their supplies. They decide to check their backpacks.
2. Hand out the list of things in their backpacks (table A; see below):

Go over the grammar points:

- We use *how much*? with uncountable nouns e.g. how much shampoo?
- We use *how many*? with countable plural nouns e.g. how many banana's?

Other structures:

- Has got....
- There is/are.....

Vocabulary:

Amounts: loaf, loaves, asprin (singular and plural)

Containers: tube of, bottle of, bar of, box/es of, rolls of,

3. Give a few examples of the things remaining e.g. 3 rolls of film, no water. Ask a student *How many rolls of film has Frodo got?* Elicit *He has got 3 rolls of film.* *How much water has Frodo got?* Elicit *he hasn't got any water.* Repeat until all students understand.
4. Each student decides and then marks in column 1, table A, the contents of Frodo's backpack. E.g. no rolls of film, 3 bottles of water.
5. Put the students into pairs. The object of the activity is to find as many differences as possible between their two tables.
6. Each pair asks one another *How many...../how much.....is/are there? There is/are* Record the response in column 2.
7. In pair they then compare their tables verbally.
8. Each student writes about their supply lists (table B).
9. Students share whole class. Go over any misunderstandings

A. Frodo's Supplies

Toiletries			Food			First aid			Miscellaneous		
1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2	
		Tube/s of toothpaste			Bottle/s of water			Plaster/s			Invisible cloak/s
		Bottle/s of shampoo			Loaf/loaves of elf bread			Aspirin			Nylon rope/s
		Bar/s of soap			Tea bag/s			Bottle/s of insect (or spider!) repellent			Torch/es (elf star/s)
					Banana/s						Battery/ies
											Tent/s
											Sleeping bag/s
											Match/es
											Camera/s Roll/s of film
											Credit card/s
											Ring/s

B. What has Frodo got?

E.g. How much shampoo has Frodo got? Frodo has got half a bottle of shampoo Frodo hasn't got any shampoo.	E.g. How many rolls of film has Frodo got? Frodo hasn't got any rolls of film Frodo has got 1 roll of film
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.