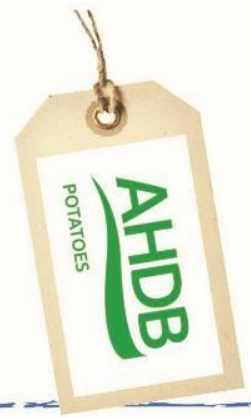


GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES



Knowing Potatoes

Lesson 8: Where do potatoes grow?

Children will:

- Investigate where potatoes are grown in the UK using maps and the internet. For this session you will need maps of the UK, and enlarged version of the **Where do potatoes grow? Worksheet 12** and access to the internet.

Ages 5-7: For younger children, find 3-4 places where potatoes are grown in the UK and write the names of the places around the edge of the worksheet. Place dots on the worksheet UK map to show where the places are. Photocopy the sheet for the children to use in the 'task' part of the lesson.

For information, the following is a list of the main places where potatoes grow in the UK:

Cambridgeshire
Cornwall
Herefordshire
Lincolnshire
Norfolk
Pembrokeshire
Perthshire
Shropshire
Suffolk
Yorkshire

Introduction

Show the children your enlarged **Where do potatoes grow? worksheet 12** and establish that it shows the UK.

Look at a map of the UK with the children and identify where you are.

Talk about what it is like where you live, e.g. weather, climate.

Compare it with other places the children may know or have heard about.

Display your enlarged copy of the worksheet and demonstrate how to mark where you are on the sheet.

Ask the children to name other places they know in the UK, e.g. where a relation lives, where they have been for a day trip or holiday.

Find these on the UK map.

Ages 5-7: With younger children, move to the task now (see following page).

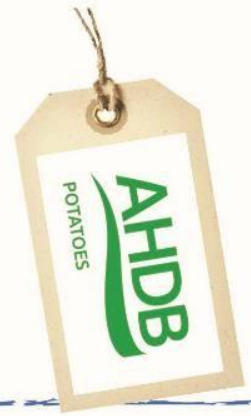
With the older children, explain that they will be undertaking some research on the internet to find the main places where potatoes are grown.

If you have an interactive white board with internet access you could demonstrate how to search the internet with the children.

Children could also look at satellite images for example, using Google map, to get an idea of what places are like.



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Lesson 8: Where do potatoes grow? – contd.

Task

Ages 5-7

Hand out the worksheet you adapted before the lesson.

Show the children how to look at the UK map to find the places names on their sheet.

When they have found the place, they need to draw lines on their worksheet to link the place names to the dots showing the location.

Ages 7-11

Give the children copies of the **Where do potatoes grow? worksheet 12**.

Ask the children to work in pairs or threes to do their research.

Summary

Get the children to feedback their research and what they have found out. Question the children:

- Where are the main places potatoes are grown in the UK?
- What are these places like?
- Are they all in a particular part of the country?
- What is the climate and landscape like in these places?
- Do you think there is a reason why potatoes are grown there?
- How does the climate affect living things?

Why not...

- Organise a visit to a local farm which grows potatoes.

