

## Working at play : Sort it out

### Description

Working in the tourist industry often requires good listening skills followed by careful planning and systematic thinking. This short topic simulates the problem solving required. The topic supports the development of personal, learning and thinking skills.

### Activity 1: Fill the bus

### Activity 2: Bed and board

**Fill the bus** is a game for three to five players. The aim is to fill the mini-bus taking everyone's requirements into account. Pupils share information orally. They have to listen carefully to discard irrelevant material and to find the interconnections between the different bits of information. The cut-out cards can be prepared in advance and laminated for re-use. Many pupils have not yet acquired the skills of careful listening so they will need plenty of encouragement to stick to the "rules of the game".

**Bed and board** is also a group activity which requires pupils to listen carefully to information presented orally by other members of the group. This task is significantly harder – you may wish to model the experience for yourself by trying the activity with a group of colleagues. Eventually, pupils may wish to lay down their cards so they can all be read together – encourage them to keep this as a last resort. A combination of thinking skills (and, if need be, guess work) will yield the solution.

### The mathematics

These activities demand logical and multi-stage thinking.

