TEACHER'S NOTES

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Subject: Literature

Finding out information from a book cover

Objective: Finding out information from a book cover.
Vocabulary: *dragon, pet, world, jokes, exciting, small, big, dangerous, clever, beautiful, funny*

Introduction
Book appreciation and library work is a theme throughout Primary Education. Illustrations and the blurb on the back cover can provide general information about a book that helps guide the reader to choose a book that is interesting for him or her. This worksheet is designed to raise awareness of these clues.

Warm up
- Bring a selection of books with illustrated covers to class.
- Hold up one of the books and ask pupils to describe the picture on the front cover.
- Ask: *What is the book about?* Pupils provide suggestions.
- Repeat with other books.

Activity 1
- Pupils look at the book covers on the worksheet. Ask: *What are the books about?*
- Read the blurb from the back covers. Pupils match them with the appropriate front covers.
- Ask pupils to justify their choice. *This dragon is strong / looks like a champion. This dragon isn't strong/ looks funny.* etc.

Activity 2
- Pupils complete the sentences comparing the two dragons. Answers my vary.
- Ask for volunteers to read the sentences out loud.

Answer key Balfer: bigger, more dangerous, more exciting, more beautiful; Dennis: smaller, funnier, cleverer, fatter

Activity 3
- Ask different pupils: *Which book do you like best? Why?*
- Pupils complete the text.
- Ask for volunteers to read their work out loud.
- Have a class vote to determine the favourite book.

Project ideas
- Pupils describe the book cover of their favourite book.
- Make a list with the class of books or films about dragons.
- Pupils draw and describe their favourite dragons.

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