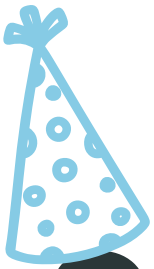


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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COMIC RELIEF!



KEY STAGE 1  
ENGLISH ACTIVITES

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# NOTES FOR TEACHERS

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With Red Nose Day coming up on **Friday 21 March**, this booklet has been designed to help your class:

- **engage** with the event
- **understand** why they're raising money
- **develop** their spoken language, reading and writing skills.

## Delivery guidance

1. We suggest pupils work individually or in pairs.
2. Give each pupil or pair a copy of the sheet 'Happy Birthday, Comic Relief!'
3. Read the piece to the pupils and encourage them to follow the words as you read.
4. Complete Activity 1 as a class.
5. Choose from the remaining activities, which focus on different aspects of reading comprehension and writing. Differentiate to ensure everyone can access activities.

## National Curriculum references

### Reading – comprehension:

- Discuss and clarify the meaning of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher
- Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say
- Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them

### Writing – composition:

- Compose a sentence orally before writing it
- Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils

### Spoken language:

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English





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# READING SHEET: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COMIC RELIEF!



**Comic Relief began on Christmas Day 1985. This means that it will be 40 years old this year! To celebrate, our school is going to join in with people across the country and do something funny for money on Red Nose Day.**

**Red Nose Day is a special day when we raise funds to help people in the UK and around the world. This year, it is on Friday 21 March.**

**With your help, over the last 40 years Comic Relief has raised over £1billion. This money has been used to support incredible projects that help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, making children happier, families stronger, and millions of lives fairer.**

**Red Nose Day is a chance for us to be silly, have fun and raise money for a great cause. School children around the country will be dressing up, organising cake sales, taking on challenges and wearing Red Noses.**

**Let's go big, give big, and feel good!**





# ACTIVITY 1: SPOKEN ENGLISH

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Having read 'Happy Birthday, Comic Relief!' to the pupils, ask the following questions to check their understanding and get them talking.

## How much do you remember?

- On what special day of the year was Comic Relief launched? (Christmas Day)
- How old is Comic Relief this year? (40)
- What is going to happen on Friday 21 March? (Red Nose Day)
- Where do people live who are helped by the money raised on Red Nose Day? (in the UK and around the world)
- How much money has Red Nose Day raised since it began? (over £1 billion)
- What type of things will children around the country be doing on Red Nose Day? (dressing up, organising cake sales, taking on challenges, wearing Red Noses)

## Go big, give big, feel good

Prompt the pupils to remember that this year we're all going to:

**Go big. Give big. Feel good.**

Talk with them about what they think this means. How can we 'go big'? What does 'give big' mean? Why do they think they will 'feel good' on Red Nose Day?

## Celebrating Red Nose Day

- Who can remember Red Nose Day last year?
- What did you do?
- What did you enjoy most?
- What would you like to do this year?





# ACTIVITY 2: WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?



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Tick the correct answer.

**How old is Comic Relief this year?**

- 20
- 30
- 40
- 50

**What day of the week is Red Nose Day?**

- Friday
- Saturday
- Monday
- Christmas Day

**What date is Red Nose Day?**

- 21 April
- 1 March
- 21 March
- 25 December

**How much money has been raised for Red Nose Day?**

- £1.27
- £100,000
- £1 million
- Over £1 billion

**Schools often raise money for Red Nose Day by running which of these?**

- A cake sale
- A snake sale
- A Jake sale
- A snowflake sale

**Which of these is NOT something we're going to do on Red Nose Day?**

- Go big
- Give big
- Give up
- Feel good



## ACTIVITY 3: FILL IN THE GAPS

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Read the sentences below, choose the right word from the box and write it in the space.



**world**      **March**      **money**      **birthday**  
**Nose**      **silly**      **cake**      **good**

1. Comic Relief is celebrating its 40th \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
2. Red \_\_\_\_\_ Day happens once a year.
3. This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday 21 \_\_\_\_\_.
4. People raise \_\_\_\_\_ on Red Nose Day.
5. The money raised is used to help people in the UK and all over the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Red Nose is a chance for children to have fun, be \_\_\_\_\_ and raise money.
7. We could organise a \_\_\_\_\_ sale.
8. We are going to go big, give big, and feel \_\_\_\_\_.





# ACTIVITY 4: PAIRS OF WORDS

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Draw lines to match up the words that go together.

**Red**

**Relief**

**Go**

**Day**

**Comic**

**Sale**

**Cake**

**Nose**

**Christmas**

**Good**

**Feel**

**Big**





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## ACTIVITY 5: WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME THING

Since Red Nose Day began, it has raised over £1 billion. This money has been used to support incredible projects that help people who are facing the toughest times of their lives, making children happier, families stronger, and millions of lives fairer.

Can you find words in the text above that mean the same thing as those in the box below?

Words in the text that mean the same thing

**started**

**kids**

**hardest**

**human beings**

**cash**

**amazing**





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# WHAT SHALL WE DO THIS RED NOSE DAY?

Draw a picture of you and your friends having fun on Red Nose Day.

Talk with your partner about what you would like to do this Red Nose Day and then write a sentence.