

➤ VOLUNTEERS: WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DO THEY DO?

Target Group: **Year 4**

Australian Curriculum Reference: **English**

- + Plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts containing key information and supporting details for a widening range of audiences, demonstrating increasing control over text structures and language features (ACELY1694).

LESSON SUMMARY

This lesson(s) follows on from *Volunteers: Who Are They?*

Students will hear a presentation from a person who has volunteered abroad and will then use that information (and the information from the previous lesson) to construct imaginative texts.

LESSON CONTENT AND METHODOLOGY

- + Teacher identifies a person in the local community who has volunteered abroad and invites them to speak to the class about their experiences. Students will ask the volunteer the questions they composed in the last lesson.
- + Drawing on the guest speaker's input, information discussed at the previous lesson and new information gained from the internet (see *Resources* below), the teacher leads a discussion about the way people and communities have been helped in times of need and the difference this support has made to the lives of people in these communities.
- + Students will compose a written task based on some of the information discussed over the last two lessons. They should put themselves in the role of a volunteer in a fictional or real disaster situation, and try to imagine some of the difficulties they might face and how they would be able to assist. Their writing should be aimed at other children their age.

Note: English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) students or refugee students might consider telling their own stories using story boards with visual images.

Books such as Anh Do's 'The Happiest Refugee' and Shaun Tan's 'The Arrival' will assist EAL/D students to do this activity, as well as encourage understanding and empathy from the rest of the class.

RESOURCES

- + 40 Hour Famine: Call for Support 2015: www.40hourfamine.com.au
- + Vanuatu: 'Aid for all in two weeks' pledge: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZP-EOy2K_Q