Literacy Word Game – How to Play

Equipment Required

Literacy and Word Game pages photocopied from this pack as follows;
3 x English Words
1 x French Words
1 x Polish Words
1 x Hebrew Words
1 x Answers *[these do not need to be photocopied]*

Preparation Required
- You will need to cut up each set of words, make sure you keep each language separate and put one set of English words with them.
- Divide your members into groups, it does not really matter how many are in each group, six or eight is an ideal number.
- If you only have a small group of members use the French and Hebrew words if you have more use all three sets. If you have upwards of thirty members you may want to use double the above amounts and have two sets of the three languages.

Activity
- Divide your members into groups.
- Give each group a set of English words and a set of foreign words, do not tell them what language the words are written in.
- Ask members to match the foreign words to the English words.
- Give them as long as they want to, or whatever time you can allow, to finish the activity.
- When all the groups have finished ask someone from each group to share how they felt when matching the words.
- Use your answer sheet to 'mark' how many each group got right.
- *Some people will find the French reasonably easy, the Polish more difficult and most will find the Hebrew impossible.*

Conclusion
- Explain to your members that the feelings they had would be very similar to the people on the Literacy Programme.
- Trying to read the Hebrew being the first stage – not even recognising the symbols / letters / words.
- Trying to read the Polish being the next stage – recognising the letters and a few of the words. Having a real sense of achievement when they got a word correct.
- Trying to read the French being the third stage – recognising the letters and most of the words. Again having a real sense of achievement when they got more words correct.

If you have extra time some members may like to look at the other words and try to match them.