



Language of Stamps
English



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Background

StampIT is the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies youth outreach programme where children can discover a world of stamps through interactive games and activities.

StampIT provides a number of ideas for teachers to use stamps across the curriculum. In particular, 'Language of Stamps' is a series of resources for studying language and culture. Games along with teacher and leader booklets are available to download from scottishphilately.co.uk.

'A-Z of Stamps' is a StampIT game which can assist with English literacy and grammar.



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Outreach

StampIT sessions are free throughout Central Scotland.

StampIT teachers' and leaders' packs are free to download from the ASPS website – scottishphilately.co.uk

Other resources & materials

The 'Language of Stamps' resources are available to download free of charge from the ASPS website.

Hard copies of the game boards in a professional finish are available to purchase at cost price. Please see website for individual costs.

StampIT is part of ASPS which is a voluntary, not for profit organisation. The Development Officer works on a voluntary basis developing and delivering the outreach and resources.

Digital content

- Language of Stamps - English- How to Play
- A-Z of Stamps game board
- A-Z of Stamps Grammar & Stamp cards

How to Play

This game encourages children to form simple sentences around various themes. The grammar cards provide challenges to help understand nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, adverbs and conjunctions. The stamp cards provide challenges to find out more about the subject on the stamp and other stamp collecting facts.

Important notes –

- The game board has been designed to be printed at A2 size. The boxes for the grammar and stamp cards have been sized to fit the cards if printed at 100mm x 75mm.

To Play –

Each player takes it in turn to roll a dice and move the relevant number of stamps from the start square.

When a player lands on a stamp, they pick up either a grammar or stamp card or both and complete the challenges.

The grammar and stamp cards are replaced at the bottom of the pile. These cards are generic for each theme so will be continually used throughout the game.

Continue around the game board and complete as many challenges as possible.

Extension –

A similar game could be played with real stamps from all around the world with many different themes. Packets of mixed world stamps can be purchased from various stamp dealers. Ask for world kiloware.

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'Language of Stamps'

StampIT has also produced board games for French, Spanish and Japanese. All language games are available to download from the ASPS website – scottishphilately.co.uk

