

SPORTSMANSHIP

'Respectful behaviour under pressure'

Teachers' Notes: Good sportsmanship will provide young people with a head start in school life, and the long line of challenges into their adulthood. Sportsmanship is not about winning or losing, it is about etiquette and respect. Teaching children sportsmanship on the playing field is no different to teaching them to respect others in their classroom. Each is an extension of the other. Respect is respect no matter where you are attempting to teach it.

This lesson is best delivered in a classroom. The teacher will need access to the internet and the London 2012 website to play a video.

Learning Outcomes:

- Pupils will understand what is meant by sportsmanship and why it is important
- Pupils will be able to identify characteristics associated with sportsmanship
- Pupils will learn the proper way to conduct themselves when they compete

Type:	Activities:	Comments:
Individual Task	Put the following statement on the board <i>What does it mean to be a good sport?</i> Ask pupils to write an answer and include two specific examples – one example of a person who they regard as a good sport and another example of someone who they regard as a bad sport. Ask some pupils to read their answers aloud. Make a list on the board of key words that you pick up in the pupils' answers. Ask students to sort the list under the heading of Good Sport and Bad Sport	<i>This will give you a list of characteristics of a good sport and a bad sport</i>
Role Play	Use the Worksheet to play Good Sports Charades	<i>This activity will work well if the teacher demonstrates with the first card</i>
Video	Using the London 2012 Get Set website (http://getset.london2012.com) click on Resources / 11-14 / Games / Picture Story. Play the game by clicking on each tile to see more of the hidden picture. Click on the value they think this picture represents and discuss with their partner whether the image portrays sportsmanship or not.	

WORK THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED:

After you have discussed what it means to be a good or poor sport, pupils are to design a poster that shows good sportsmanship and respect for others. Images can be used from the internet or cuttings from newspapers.