

# Elvis® and us on tour/Euro expedition: teachers' notes

## Introduction

The two expeditions have been created to enable you to address some of the requirements in the curriculum in a fun and interesting way. The table at point 6 indicates the Programmes of Study (PoS) that are linked to these exercises and point 7 shows the possible links to other subjects.

## 1 Why Elvis?

- Gives pupils something silly to focus on – it doesn't seem quite like just work.
- Gives fledgling sense of humour a chance to develop (particularly boys).
- Gives extrovert geography teachers a chance to strut their stuff.
- Parents still help their children with homework in Year 7, and this is something they may identify with.

## 2 Why pairs/group work?

- Less daunting when presenting if there is a group standing up and fits better into time constraints for lessons.
- Teacher can engineer groupings if necessary in a new class.
- Group work favoured by pupils and don't see it as real work.

## 3 Kit list

The kit list has been supplied to save time as pupils would take too long to develop their own, leaving less time for the actual task.

## 4 Levels of expertise

These expeditions will help establish the levels of expertise for each pupil in:

- Grid references
- Contours
- Symbols
- Scale
- Direction

Thus fitting perfectly with the KS3 requirements.

## 5 Assessment

This resource would be a good assessment piece at the end of the skills topic/unit as it shows not only what children know but how they apply it. Differentiation is by outcome and by teacher input.

## 6 National Curriculum Programme of Study (PoS): Geography Key Stage 3

	<b>Geographical enquiry and skills</b>
1f	Communicate in ways according to the task.
2a	Geographical vocabulary.
2c	To use atlases, globes, Ordnance Survey maps.
2g	Decision-making skills.
	<b>Knowledge and understanding of places</b>
3c	Describe and explain the physical and human features that give rise to the distinctive character of places.
7b	Study different parts of the world, including local area.

## 7 Links to other subjects

	<b>English</b>
En1	Speaking and listening.
	<b>Maths</b>
Ma3	Shape, space and measure.
	<b>ICT</b>
ICT3	Communicate in different ways.

## 8 Timescale

- One lesson introducing activity, brainstorming and drafting ideas.
- One lesson in groups writing the expedition plan (and finish for homework).
- One – two lessons presenting expedition.



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