

FICHE D'ACTIVITES PEDAGOGIQUES

The Commonwealth



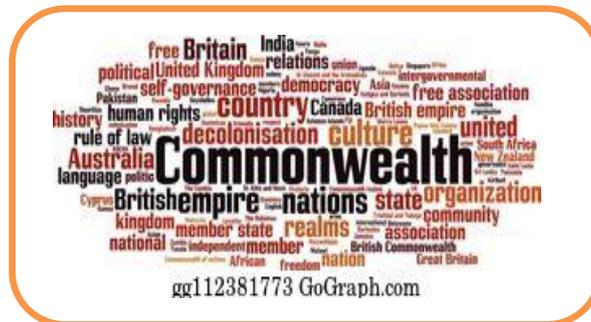
Il ne s'agit pas d'une séquence mais d'une fiche d'activités pédagogiques sur le thème du Commonwealth. L'activité culminante est la compréhension d'une vidéo sur le Commonwealth. Des activités d'anticipation sont proposées en amont afin de faciliter la compréhension de cette dernière. Cette fiche pourra être associée à des séquences traitant du même thème.

Objectifs	Connaître le Commonwealth. Etre capable de comprendre une vidéo sur le Commonwealth.
Compétences	Ecrire S'exprimer à l'oral en continu Lire & Comprendre Ecouter & Comprendre
Repère culturel	Découvrir les aspects culturels d'une langue vivante étrangère et régionale
Objectifs linguistiques	Le présent simple (rebrassage) Dire les nombres en anglais : dates, pourcentages etc... Le prétérit simple (rebrassage)
Supports	https://blog.lingoda.com/en/fun-facts-english-language : Fun facts about the English language. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spxGI07DmtM Numbers : how to say numbers in English. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWsvHuuV-qE What is the Commonwealth : BBC what's new?

ANTICIPATE

1- Look at this word cloud.

a- What can you tell about the Commonwealth ?



TOOL BOX

I think../ Maybe/perhaps...

It is possible that it's...

b- Find the English equivalent in the word cloud.

FRENCH	ENGLISH
Les droits humains	
L'empire britannique	
Association libre	
Auto- gouvernance	
Etat de droit (loi)	
La démocratie	

- Let's have a look at the word : Analyse it.
- Find the best sentence that could explain the word.

A club of countries that share a common wealth

A free association of states that share common values

COMMONWEALTH

An association of countries that put their money in common

A country who took the wealth of other countries.

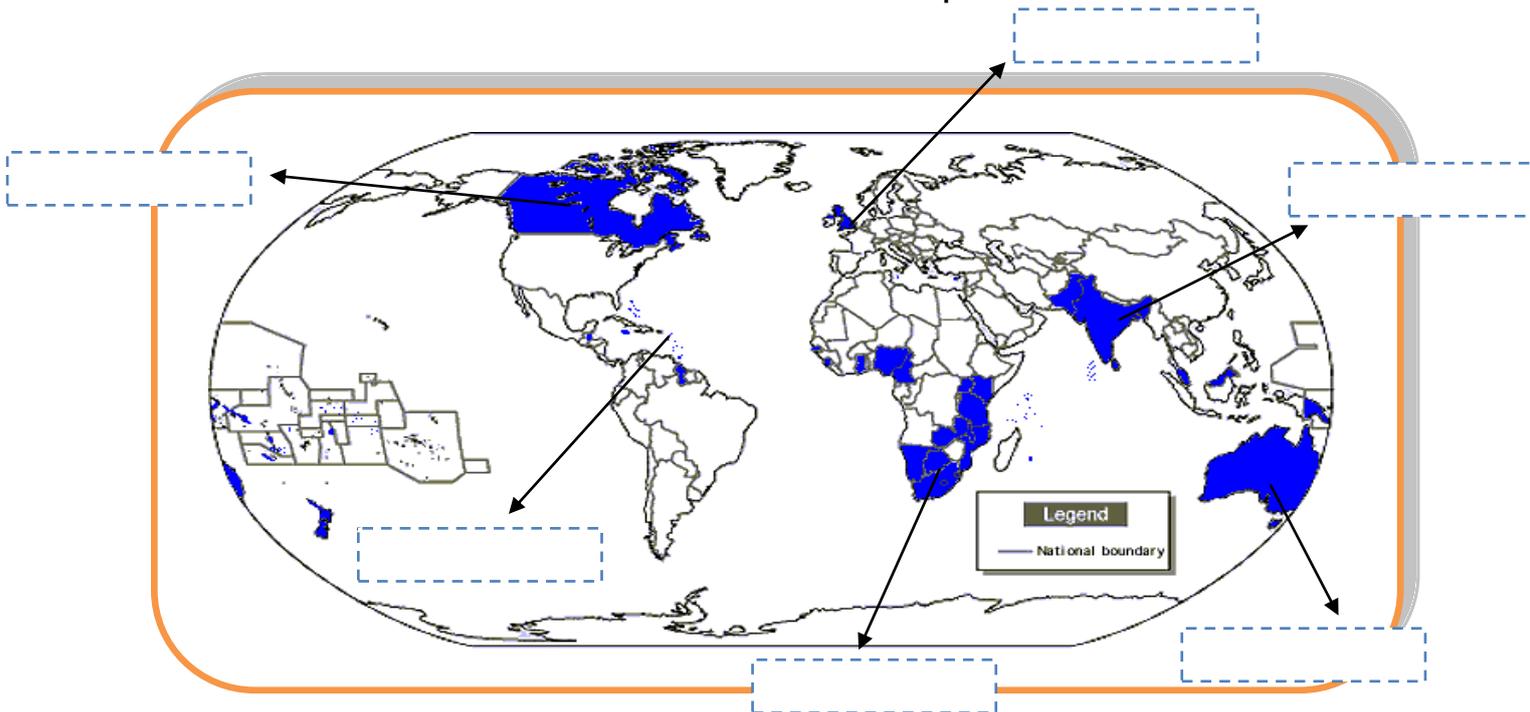
2- How much do you know about the Commonwealth?

a- Spot The UK.

b- Unscramble the letters. Find the names of some countries or areas from the Commonwealth.

- 1- IALSAURAT : _____ 5- HET CRBNBAIEA : _____
 2- AAACND : _____
 3- IADNI : _____
 4- UHSTO AAICRF _____

c- Write the names of the countries or areas on the map.



Key answers : India/ Canada/South Africa/ Australia/ The Caribbean Islands/ The UK.

3- What do these **countries or areas** have in common ? Unscramble the letters and make hypotheses

- a- GGAAELNU : _____
 b- SLVAUE : _____
 c- REUUTLC : _____
 d- RHYISOT : _____

Key answers : Language/ values/culture/history

These countries share common values such as _____ but also a common language : _____.

Tool box :
 Maybe, **they** share a common _____.
 Perhaps, **they** have the same _____.
 It is possible that **they** have their _____ in common.

4- **WEBQUEST** : How much do you know about ENGLISH?!

a- Read this article about English and pick out the following pieces of information.

<https://blog.lingoda.com/en/fun-facts-english-language>



..... people speak English as a 1st or 2nd language

It is an official language incountries.

About words are added to the dictionary each year.

..... of the world's population
speaks at least some English

The first English dictionary was
written in

Over of the information
stored on computers worldwide
is English.

..... of the entire English language
is just the letter

b- Watch the video and learn how to say numbers in English. Write the following numbers in letters.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spxGI07DmtM> Numbers : how to say numbers in English.

32% : _____

1975 : _____

8.3 : _____

2001 : _____

263-3847 : _____

1,325,476 : _____

21st : _____

92nd : _____

53rd : _____

67th : _____

3/4 : _____

c- Pick out the numbers in the webquest and practise reading them.

➤ **More figures and dates : Practise.**

38%

13

1/4

In 2021

3rd

6.4 billion

In 1999

➤ **How about big numbers ?!**

1,999

30,864

1,123,456

LISTENING ACTIVITY

Watch the video and do the following activities : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWsvHuuV-qE> What is the Commonwealth : BBC what's new ? **Extrait BBC news** : 2'14 mn

Before watching the video

➤ Match these phrases with their opposites.

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| To break a commitment • | • To remove oneself from..... |
| To join an organisation • | • To make a promise |

Part 1: Some figures about the Commonwealth.

a- Complete the text with the correct figures, numbers or dates.

The Commonwealth is a collection of ___ countries that are home of _____ people. That's almost _____ of the world. That total also includes _____ countries. That's the youngest organisation : _____ of the Commonwealth population is under the age of _____. The modern Commonwealth was formed in _____ with only _____ members at that time.

b- Pick out the name of the 1st African country who was part of the Commonwealth .

Part 2 : African countries in the Commonwealth.

a- Circle the names of the African countries you can hear in the video.

Ghana Zambila Mozambique Kenya Zimbabwe Gabon Rwanda Nigeria The Gambia

b- Complete the grid with the following information.

African country	Joined in.... (date)	Withdrew...in (date)	Reasons

Part 3 : Some facts about the commonwealth.

a- Are these statements right or wrong ? Tick the correct answer. Correct when it is necessary.

Statements	Right or wrong
All members of the Commonwealth were former British colonies. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>

To join, you need to share common economic goals of the Commonwealth charter. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>
The Commonwealth Charter was adopted in 2002. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>
Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the Commonwealth. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>
The organisation is led by Queen Elizabeth II. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>
The Commonwealth values are democracy, human rights and the rule of law. _____	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong <input type="checkbox"/>

b- Answer these questions.

- ✚ What event takes place every 4 years ? _____
- ✚ Who meets every 2 years ? _____

TE : Complete the text with the help of the listening activity.

The Commonwealth is a _____. There are about _____ people and it is almost _____ of the world. _____ is the head of the Commonwealth. The organisation is led by _____ : the Secretary General. The Commonwealth organisation meet every _____ to discuss their plans.

There are about _____ with _____ of the population under the age of 30.

The Commonwealth was created in _____ with _____ members at that time. All members of the Commonwealth were _____.

To join the Commonwealth, countries need to share the _____ of the Commonwealth charter adopted in _____ : _____, _____ and _____. In 1964, South Africa broke this commitment and removed itself because of its _____ and rejoined in 1994.

There are different opinions about the Commonwealth. Supporters say it helps countries to _____. Some say it's a legacy of _____ and doesn't have any power.

Key answers :

The Commonwealth is a **collection of 54 countries**. There are about **2.5 billion** people and it is almost **1/3** of the world. **Queen Elizabeth** is the head of the Commonwealth. The organisation is led by **Patricia Scotland** : the Secretary General. The Commonwealth organisation meet every **2 years** to discuss their plans.

There are about **19 African countries** with **60%** of the population under the age of 30.

The Commonwealth was created in 1949 with 8 members at that time. All members of the Commonwealth were former British colonies.

To join the Commonwealth, countries need to share the values of the Commonwealth charter adopted in 2012 : democracy, human rights and rule of law. In 1964, South Africa broke this commitment and removed itself because of its racist apartheid policies and rejoined in 1994.

There are different opinions about the Commonwealth. Supporters say it helps countries to develop and work together on international goals. Some say it's a legacy of Britain's colonial past and doesn't have any power.

❖ **To Go further : Find out more about the Commonwealth games !**

The Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games
 Find out more about the Commonwealth game. Complete the crosswords below.

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Horizontal

- 1. The activity or sport of swimming
- 3. A sport in which 2 people fight and try to throw each other to the ground
- 5. A game played by 2 teams , a ball and a basket!
- 7. The sport of jumping into water
- 8. The sport of riding a bicycle

Vertical

- 2. A game played on ice between 2 teams
- 4. A sport in which 2 or 4 people hit a shuttlecock
- 6. A sport in which 2 competitors fight