# Alistair Heather: First Meenister maun get Act thegither fir Scots leid

## Activity: Scots Language Award level 5: Teaching Notes

These activities are designed to help students achieve **Outcome 1** of the ‘**Understanding and Communicating**’ unit - to demonstrate their understanding of a detailed text in Scots.

Activity 1 supports 1.3 - applying knowledge and understanding of Scots to explain the meaning and effect of the text.

Activity 2 supports 1.2 - identifying the main ideas of the text and supporting details.

Activity 3 supports 1.1 - identifying and explaining the purpose of, and audience for, the text.

Some of the words are quite complex for learners working within Level 5. The following terms can be explained to learners so that the level of challenge is appropriate:

* ***‘furthset’ is a Scots word.*** *In this context, it means ‘publish’.*
* ***‘sprauchlin’ is a Scots word.*** *It means ‘clambering, moving clumsily’.*
* ***‘kenspeckle’ is a Scots word. It means ‘familiar’.***
* ***‘smeddum’ is a Scots word. In this context, it means ‘strength’.***

N.B. This resource can also be used to support learners who are studying National 5 English, in that it can be used to develop their skills in reading, understanding and responding to texts.