Learning Activities: Writing

Task 1

Watch each of the videos, and listen carefully to what the speakers say. You can download the transcripts for each video too.

Here's a reminder of the words featured in each video. These are also listed in our 'Learning Activities: Vocabulary' sheet.

(Hint: If you can't work out what the word means using the context clues, you can look it up on the Dictionary of the Scots Language online).

North East/Doric	Orkney	Shetland	West Coast
bosie	peedie	midder	glaur
quine	fornent	glaep	peelie-wally
fly-cup	bruck	peerie	shoogle

Task 2

Discuss the following with a partner or group:

These videos feature people speaking in specific dialects of Scots.

> Were any of the words familiar to you? Do you use these words yourself or have you heard other people using them?

> Do you have more words that you could add?

Task 3

Write a script for a video of your own, with three different examples of words from the Scots vocabulary that you or your family and friends use. If you don't know anyone who uses any Scots, it may be helpful for you to use the 100 key Scots words resource. If you wish, you can choose a specific dialect of Scots.

Make sure that you:

- aim your video at an audience of people who are learning about Scots and dialects of Scots;
- consider using a storyboard to illustrate your script;
- introduce the language or, if you wish, the specific dialect;
- give a little information about where the dialect is spoken;
- define the words you have chosen and say whether they are nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs or prepositions;
- check your definition using a Scots dictionary (at https://dsl.ac.uk/ or download the Scots Dictionary for Schools app for Apple or Android devices);
- give an example of each dialect word being used in a sentence.

You can use the following framework to help you:

The day we're goin tae blether aboot Scots language/ _____ dialect.

This is spoken roon aboot _____ which is kent/known for _____, _____ and _____.

The first example is the word _____. _____ is a noun/verb/adjective/adverb/preposition and means _____.

Ye might hear abody say somethin like, '_____ _____.'