

Suggestions for activities that schools can do during English Language Mela

Format of different activities to be performed in stall of ELM

Item	Format 1	Format 2	Format3	Format 4
Story Corner	Strip Story - Sentences / pictures - students organize them	Incomplete Story - beginning, middle or the end of the story is missing - students complete them orally	Group Story - The first line of a story is given, each visiting student group takes turns to give a sentence and construct the story. Or Students can draw characters with speech bubbles; different situations are given....a woman carrying a heavy load, or two friends on the way to school, mother waking up her child etc.... Students complete the bubbles with dialogues.	Pocket Story - Small booklets prepared with pics and sentences - students read them - they can also do a role-play based on a booklet.
Poem Corner	Simple Poems and related pictures - each stanza to be matched with pictures	Poems with rhyming words taken out and presented as flash cards - students place the words and complete the poem - may be on a flannel board	Two poems mixed up and each stanza is presented on a decorated piece of chart - students put together the poems	Many poems are placed on the table on small bits of chart paper - Audio version of a poem is played - students have to quickly pick out the poem
Games Corner	Guessing Games for Grammar	Vocabulary Games - flash cards, crossword, scrabble, antakshari, etc.	Board Games Memory games for opposites, synonyms - Cards placed face down. Students turn one card and try to find its pair.	Popping / ringing / mela type games
Quiz Corner	Two boxes one with questions and another with answers placed on the table - students have to quickly match the qn and ans cards	Quiz questions are asked - for each right answer one star is given - the one with highest no of stars is the winner - gets a small gift	Language based quiz questions are available on flash cards - grammar books, dictionary, etc. available on table – students find answers using the books.	Kaun Banega Karodpati type - hot seat and four options for each question.
Authentic language Corner	Model House - diff rooms - things in the rooms labeled - labels could be kept separately and visiting stds are	Railway Station / Airport / Bus Depot Posters, notices, etc. Example - You are required to keep the ticket till the end of the journey. No smoking.	- Bank / Office / Court etc. Labeling rooms, counters, etc. people - Cashier, Judge, etc. - How to make a ___ (the host student giving instructions to make items like a boat etc and the visiting students following the instructions.	Authentic materials, forms, wrappers, notices, ads, announcements, etc. - two related things could be kept for matching - Example - filled in cheque - cashier, wrapper - ad (both of the same product)

	asked to place the label in the correct places		They take their creation with them with a list of the instructions)	Railway ticket - railway timetable, etc.
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Ideas for stage performances

Item	Description
Prayer	English Song
Skit	One-act play
Dance	Dancing for English song - Example - http://youtu.be/kG_zSUZv6ZE
Jokes	Jokes in English - language based jokes - example an Englishman trying to speak to a Gujarati who knows no English - the misunderstandings because the words sound similar - example - Englishman: Sorry I am late. I was caught in a traffic jam. Gujarati: shu kaho cho? jamvu che? (shows action of eating) Englishman: Jam? I don't want any Jam. I just had my breakfast. Gujarati - Oh, fast karo cho. Aaje to budvaar che. Hun Mangalvaar fast karu chu.
Mock English Class	English teacher struggling to teach English to students without using Gujarati - Watch one episode of 'Mind Your Language' to get a sample - http://youtu.be/JGv2AqiSOwQ
Word Quiz	Three rounds of word quiz including dumb charade, Pictionary, read your back etc. - sample WELCOME English lesson
Mimicry	Taking up roles of famous people, funny people and talking like them in English
Antakshari	Singing rhymes - planning the antakshari in advance so that the rhymes are readily available - example - one group sings 'ba ba black sheep' - the other group sings - peter, peter pumpkin eater - first group sings - ringa, ringa, roses, etc.

Please note: Above ideas are hints which help you in preparing different items. You can think other than above suggestions too. 1 school will be allotted 1 theme for stall for which they have to prepared items. More details to be discussed during Capacity Development Workshops-2 to be held on 2-7 Dec, 2013.