

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to share with you my experience of working on “What did you eat?” — one of Science Across the World topics.

I am acquainted with most of the SAW materials and I find them very interesting, the texts provide the students and us — the teachers — with a lot of educational information, there is real data, charts, and numbers, which the students can compare, interpret and learn how to work with. But, although there are good teaching notes, teachers have to prepare the activities to be used in the classroom. On the one hand it is a good thing, because it gives teachers a lot of freedom and they can choose activities, which are suitable for their classroom environment. But on the other it takes time to prepare the activities for the lesson. As most teachers I usually have pages of homework, essays and tests to check and rarely have a lot of time to spend on preparing and thinking about extra ideas for my language lessons.

At such a moment I found the booklet “Ethical English” extremely useful and helpful. In it I managed to find a plan of five activities on the topic I was interested in, so in no time my plan was ready and what is most important, the activities proved to be efficient in the classroom and my students enjoyed working on the topic. I think it was then that I realized what great job we had done in Varna at the summer school where the book was written last year. For those of you who have the booklet, I know you will find it useful working on one topic or another, but for those of you who do not have it, I have uploaded the plan and a brief description of the activities and I will continue uploading activities to the factworld yahoogroups site. You will need to join the FACT yahoo group to access these files.

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