

Facts about cancer

Key Stage 4 (14-16 years)

This fun activity is linked to elements of the National Curriculum: English and Personal Social Health Education (PSD and PSE).

Learning outcomes

- Learn the facts about cancer
- Understand how Macmillan helps people living with cancer

Preparing for the activity

You will need

- Blackboard/flipchart, chalk/flipchart pens
- A3 sheets of paper
- Printout of 'What is cancer' and the 'Facts about cancer' on this site or on our youth website, Why bother?
www.macmillan.org.uk/whybother/learn/facts.html

What to do

Either in pairs, groups or as a whole class, brainstorm to identify what the students know about cancer (including misconceptions or incorrect information). These could be categorised under such headings as 'types', 'symptoms', 'treatment', 'impact on life', etc.

Using a sheet of flip chart paper or the blackboard, tabulate the results of the discussion under the first column:

What do we know?	What have we found out?
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Next go through 'What is cancer?' and the facts about cancer you have collected or together go through 'What is cancer?' and 'Facts about cancer' on our youth website, www.macmillan.org.uk/whybother/learn/facts.html – comparing the results previously discussed in the first column and then complete the 2nd column. With the information in the table so far, the students can complete the online quiz in the same section noted above. The activity sheet can be completed in addition to or instead of the online quiz. This will be a good opportunity to mention that Macmillan helps people living with cancer and the students can find out more about our charity on the 'About us' page in Why bother?

The students can now discuss ways to promote what they think are the key facts about cancer, including where to go to get more information and help. This can include producing art to be displayed in your local hospital or Macmillan office, designing posters to be displayed in the classroom or

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around school, or holding a health awareness day, taking part in one of Macmillan Cancer Relief's events, such as *Cancertalk* Week 23-27 January 2006, The Macmillan Miles Challenge 21-28 May 2006 or your own health promotion or fundraising event for Macmillan.

Answers

Facts about cancer activity sheet

- 1 65 years old and over
- 2 cluster of abnormal cells, a benign tumour is harmless
- 3 leukaemia
- 4 false
- 5 A surgery B chemotherapy C radiotherapy
- 6 739 people in the UK are diagnosed with cancer every day
- 7 A cancer
B illness of body's cells
C cancerous cells keep dividing in an uncontrolled way
D two hundred types of cancer
E leukaemia
F help people with cancer
- 8 More than 1 in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetime
- 9 Macmillan Cancer Relief helps people living with cancer
- 10 Talking and explaining more about cancer. (Include other suggestions that are similar)

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Macmillan Cancer Relief helps people living with cancer. We provide very special care in many ways. Try to complete the following questions and puzzle.

1 What is the common age for a person to develop cancer?

2 What is a tumour and which type of tumour is harmless?

3 What type of cancer is most common in children and young people?

4 You can catch cancer from someone else – True or False?

5 What are the three main types of treatment for cancer?
A _____ B _____ C _____

6 How many people in the UK do you think are diagnosed with cancer every day?
(Circle correct answer)
A 1,035 B 739 C 500

7 Try to unscramble these words and phrases linked to issues around cancer.
A anrecr _____
B lislens fo dosby' lecls _____'
C seracnouc leslc kepe vidindig ni na troonluncled yaw _____
D wot hendrud septy fo rcecan _____
E keaumleai _____
F leph leppoe whit narec _____

8 What ratio of people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetime?
more than _____ in _____

9 What does Macmillan Cancer Relief do?

10 How can you help people to understand more about cancer?
