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Key Stage 3 – #nofilter

#nofilter game - instructions

Print out a complete set of cards per team of 3 or 4 students

The aim of the game is to use the information provided by various social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) to find out where Sherlock Holmes will be at 7pm this evening. It's probably easiest to understand if you run through the game yourself.

Each information card represents either a set of links returned by searches on social media sites or public posts on social media sites. The information cards all have card designations as follows:

Card Designation	Brief description
F, L, T, I	Top level searches of social media sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram)
F1,2,3	Facebook profiles (1 relevant, 2 dead ends)
T1,2,3	Twitter feed (1 relevant, 2 dead ends)
L1,2,3	LinkedIn profiles (1 relevant, 2 dead ends)
I1,2,4	Instagram profile (1 relevant, 2 dead ends)

Students 'spend' clue tokens to get each information card. This can be done by either printing and cutting up the clue tokens or giving each team a sheet of printed clue tokens and crossing them off as they use them up.

There are a few different ways to set the information cards up but the easiest is just to keep stacks of facedown information cards on a desk and label the backs with the card designation. NB In order to access cards F1,F2, F3 students must have previously used a clue token to access card F (and similar rules apply to the other cards).

Another option is to place the cards in nested sealed envelopes. So there would be a big Facebook (F) envelope containing the F info card but also 3 smaller sealed envelopes (F1,F2, F3).

The key information is held on cards T2 and I2 and either F1 or L3 can help them to select these cards first time. If students make lucky guesses then cards T, T2, I and I3 would be enough to solve the mystery using 4 clue tokens in total. In case you want to try the activity out for yourself first the answer to the question is printed sideways on the bottom of this page!

ANSWER
Unless he is bluffing, Sherlock Holmes
will be on the 17:33 train to Paignton
from Paddington with John Watson.
If students look up timetables on line
they will find it is likely he is going to
Exeter which is one of the nearest
stations to Dartmoor – home of the
Hound of the Baskervilles.
Other answers:
Website: www.consultingdetective.co.uk
Food: Toastie (fillings unspecified)
University: University of Cambridge
(Sidney Sussex College)



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#nofilter - clue tokens



