



## Guidelines for the use of 'Finding the European Cup rugby teams'

<b>Activity title:</b>	Finding the European Cup* rugby teams
<b>Curriculum area:</b>	Geography
<b>NC objectives:</b>	Geography: 2c), 3c), 6a) & 7a)
<b>Main learning objective</b>	To use maps and atlases accurately and to understand the hierarchy of settlements in a geographical context

*\* Note: Rugby's European Cup is currently sponsored by Heineken. Teachers may want to be aware of this before using it in the classroom!*

Timing	Lesson plan ideas, activities and resource sheets
INTRODUCTION 20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss settlements in England and Wales and name the smallest settlement as a hamlet. Work up in size and make a list on the board with the children suggesting the answers (Hamlet, Village, Town, City, Capital City, County, Region, Country, Continent and The World). Think of examples of each classification.</li> <li>• Discuss what constitutes a place being a city and discuss the idea of needing a cathedral, despite many places with cathedrals not being a city and several cities being a city without a cathedral, eg Birmingham and Belfast.</li> <li>• Ensure the children know the county they live in and identify this on the sheet '4.2a The County we live in'.</li> <li>• Explain that within rugby, all counties have county rugby teams, but that rugby is played professionally by towns and cities, e.g., Gloucester and not as a county (Gloucestershire).</li> </ul>



<p>MAIN ACTIVITY</p> <p>30 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide the pupils with the worksheet '4.2b Finding the European Cup rugby teams' and tell them that they must locate the towns and cities using an atlas or other secondary resources on to one of the maps provided.</li> <li>• Early finishers could add some of the lesser known European rugby clubs from the European Challenge Cup.</li> </ul>
<p>PLENARY</p> <p>10 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show the worksheet '4.2b Finding the European Cup rugby teams' and go through the answers.</li> <li>• Conclude the lesson by identifying where Twickenham rugby ground, Murrayfield rugby ground and the Millennium Stadium are located and explain that they are the major international rugby venues in the UK.</li> </ul>

**Suggested extension activities or cross curricular links:**

- In ICT use the Heineken Cup and European Cup websites to look at each team. Set the pupils the challenge of finding which rugby teams the current International squads play for and also other international/overseas players.
- Challenge the pupils to find the name of the grounds where each rugby team plays, e.g. Gloucester play at Kingsholm.
- Complete the activity to find the premiership rugby teams of England

