

Lesson Plans & Worksheets

PAWS IN JOBLAND

Grades 3 - 5





Lesson Plan 16 - Backwards Writing

Individual activity: 15-20 minutes.

Learning objective:

- To explore reflections and symmetry

Curriculum links: English, Technology – database exploration, Science – reflections.

Resources needed/preparation:

- Photocopies of Worksheet 16
- Writing materials

Background: The Ambulance Driver in Paws in Jobland explains why the word "ambulance" is printed backwards on his ambulance's hood. This worksheet activity encourages students to look at this particular job in the program. Students then have to decipher words that are printed backwards.

Introduction/guidelines for students:

- Ask the students to look at the job Ambulance Driver in Paws in Jobland. The Ambulance Driver tells us why the word ambulance is printed backwards on the front of the ambulance.
- The worksheet consists of the simple activity of working out what a series of backwards words are.
- You could encourage your students to use the horizontal line as an imaginary mirror to help them work out what the words are.

Ideas for further development:

- You could delete the line The first one is done for you, and the word Paws from the worksheet, thus making the activity slightly more difficult.
- By placing a piece of paper over part of the worksheet before photocopying, you can exchange the given words for ones of your own choice.

Ideas for making the activity easier:

- You could show an example of this activity on the board before you hand the worksheets out.
- Solving a couple of the words on the worksheet before you photocopy it will make the activity easier.

Display ideas:

An eye-catching display entitled Backwards Writing (but written back-to-front of course!) could include drawings that students have done of themselves with their clothes on backwards. They could paint their names backwards too.



Worksheet 16 - Backwards Writing

My Name: _____ Date: _____

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- Writing materials



Look at the job **Ambulance Driver** in Paws in Jobland.
The Ambulance Driver tells us why the word "ambulance" is printed backwards on the ambulance.

Look at the backwards words below.

Without using a mirror, can you tell what the words are?
Write them on the other side of the line.
The first one is done for you.

awsP
 jobs
 school
 computer
 cpspde
 drestion
 psrmedic

Paws



Now check your answers by looking in a mirror.



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