

ALLCONNECT

Activity 1

Characteristics of a KS2 Language Learner¹

- curiosity about the new language
- enthusiasm for language learning
- awareness of sound/spelling links
- confidence, risk taking, not worrying about making mistakes
- recognising links in the new language to something familiar
- willingness to experiment with writing
- noticing patterns; noticing differences
- familiarity with key sounds
- starting to make the language work for themselves, e.g. by expressing simple opinions
- wanting to create more interesting sentences
- starting to use investigative skills when encountering new language
- adapting and manipulating language to suit their own purpose
- noticing patterns and understanding that they sometimes have exceptions
- taking their learning beyond the classroom door

¹ Adapted from Making & Marking Progress
OCR 2010 Making and marking progress on the DCSF Languages Ladder

