

ACTIVITY 6

WORDS OF THE WORLD

AIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop awareness of the different sounds (phonemes) and written characters used in various languages. • Enjoy discovering and playing with the sound and rhythm of different languages. • Foster curiosity and respect for linguistic and cultural diversity.
MATERIALS	<p>Computer with access to the e-Library Device or speakers to play audio files Projector or screen (optional) Internet connection (for using Google Translate) Paper and pencils</p>
PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose five countries from the e-Library. • Play the audio files of the names of musical instruments in their original languages. • Replay them several times until the children become familiar with the sounds and phonemes of the words. • Read the five stories included in the e-Library related to the instruments from those countries. • Encourage the children to note down any interesting or unfamiliar words that seem connected to the country’s culture such as proper nouns, names, foods, or special objects. • Ask the children to think of four common words they would like to translate (e.g., sun, mother, sky, grandpa). • Vote together to choose only one of these words. • With the help of Google Translate, translate the chosen word into the five selected languages. • Show the translations on the screen and observe how they look: “Do they use different letters or characters?”, “Are there accents or special symbols?”, “Do they sound similar or completely different?” • Listen to and repeat the words aloud together, noticing how each one feels and sounds. • Let the children pick their favourite word and remember it. • Magic Word Moment: tell the children that on the count of three, they will stretch their arms up to the ceiling and shout their chosen word out loud! • Explain that their word now floats above them and that they can “take it back” anytime they want to feel joyful, curious, or inspired.
DURATION	<p>Approximately 1 hour</p>
LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Children will: Develop awareness of linguistic diversity through listening and observation. Recognize differences in pronunciation, rhythm, and written characters across languages. Build curiosity and appreciation for the richness of world languages. Strengthen listening, memory, and comparative thinking skills. Engage in creative expression and joyful group participation. Foster intercultural understanding through playful language exploration.</p>