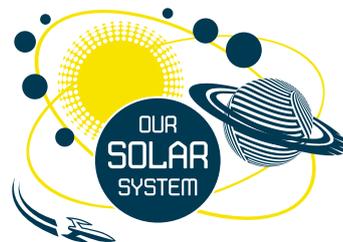


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Stamps and stamp collecting – cross-curricular lessons



Below you will find curriculum-linked lesson ideas and student activity sheets focused on stamps and stamp collecting.

The education resource materials have been designed for a national audience and offer a broad range of learning experiences for middle to upper primary students.

For some of these lessons, students will need to access the Australia Post education website at auspost.com.au/education and, specifically, the “Stamps and collectables” section auspost.com.au/education/stamps

English

- Invite a stamp dealer or collector to speak to your class about stamp collecting. You could also contact a local Post Office and ask if someone could visit your class to speak about SCM.
- Students, working individually or in pairs, review the information in the “Students” section of the Australia Post “Stamps and collectables” website then answer the questions on the “**All about stamps**” activity sheet.

Mathematics

- Students to research some stamps and stamp collecting statistics, such as how many stamps are printed a day, or approximately how many stamp collectors there are in Australia.
- Students to complete the “**Calculate the postage**” activity sheet.

Science

- Students to explore how to remove a stamp from an envelope with minimal damage to the stamp. Students to conduct a science experiment by starting with a hypothesis, testing their theories and recording their results. Students to experiment with both gummed and self-adhesive stamps.

Humanities and Social Sciences

History

- Students to use the Australia Post education website to research the history of stamps.
- Students to collect as many old stamps as they can from letters that they, their family, or their friends have received. Students to sort the stamps according to the year they were issued and discuss.



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The Arts

- Students to complete the “**Design a stamp**” student activity sheet.
- Students to use paint to explore what colours can be made using different combinations of cyan, magenta, yellow and black (the colours used in the stamp printing process).
- Students to collect as many stamps as they can from letters that they, their family, or their friends, have received. Make a stamp collage for your classroom. Students may wish to group stamps by value, theme or country of origin.
- Student to use coloured paper or card to make their own stamp collecting album.

Technologies

Design and Technologies

- Students to research the technology behind “lickable” stamps. What sort of glue is used and why?
- Students to read about the design principles used in stamp making in the “All about stamps” section of the “Stamps and collectables” website then research stamps from other countries and determine whether they have the same design principles as Australian stamps. What are the similarities and differences?

Health and Physical Education

- Students to discuss the benefits of having a hobby. How do recreational activities improve our health?

