

Double Trouble



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Book Talk

Educational conversation prompts and
things to notice in 'Double Trouble'.

Ideas for children from 4 – 11 years



Conversation prompts and things to notice

There are 2 Welsh dragon's hidden in the book. Can you find them?



<p>Front & Back Cover LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Who do you think The Talac Gang are? Do you think they are friendly? Why? ➤ Why do you think Dwbl is called the doubling Dragon? Do you know what language the name 'Dwbl' is from? What does it mean? (Welsh for double) What do you think her big problem could be? How might she fix it? Why do you think her world is going to fall apart?
<p>Front & Back Cover Numeracy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can you see any doubles on the dragon? The dragon has double features - 2 heads, 2 double front teeth, 2 sets of wings, and 2 tails. The number of diamonds on her bottom wings are double the number on her top wings. ➤ There are double the number of each animal from the front cover on the back cover. Can you predict how many bees, ladybirds and bees there will be on the back cover? Can you remember how many birds, ladybirds and bees there were on the front cover?
<p>Front Inside Cover LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do you know any famous people that come from Wrexham? Use the internet to find out past and current famous people from Wrexham
<p>Front Inside Cover Numeracy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A map showing where Dwbl was born in Wales. Can you find Wrexham on a map? How far away do you live from where she was born?
<p>Back Inside Cover Numeracy</p>	<p>A map showing where Dwbl lives in Dragon World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dwbl lives in the North of Wales and the South of Dragon World. Do you think this will make any difference to the climate? Do you think the climate is the same on Dragon World as in Wales?
<p>p1 LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What do you notice about the punctuation on this page? Why do you think there isn't a full stop? It is a phrase so it doesn't need a full stop. To be complete, every sentence must have a subject, a verb & a complete idea.
<p>p3 – p6 LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How does the story start? Do you know any other stories that start in the same way? Make a collection of story starts to use in your own work – which ones do you like the best? <p>Opportunities to look at commas, exclamation marks and ellipses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How many different ways can you find that commas have been used? Why have they been used? Would the sentences make sense without the commas? Could we have used any other punctuation instead? ➤ Why have the ellipses been used? What effect do they have on the reader? Does it still make sense without them? ➤ Only one of the sentences has used an exclamation mark. Why do you think this sentence has an exclamation mark? Would it work without one? What difference would it make if more sentences had an exclamation mark?

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<p>p3 – p6 Numeracy</p>	<p>➤ Opportunities to reinforce days of the week for younger learners.</p> <p>The concept of doubling in size.</p> <p>Doubling investigations (use non-standard measures, cm, etc as appropriate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If Dwbl was 8 cm on Wednesday, how tall was she on Monday? ❖ If Dwbl is 1cm on the first day, how tall is she by the end of the week? ❖ How tall would you/your toy be if you/your toy doubled in size every day for a week?
<p>p7 – p11 LLC</p>	<p>Each character that Dwbl doubles is from a nursery rhyme, song or story. Do you know the characters? Read the stories, songs and rhymes. Which is your favourite?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Hickory Dickory Dock 2 – Puss in Boots and the Cheshire Cat 3 – The 3 Little Pigs 4 – The Queen of Hearts 5 – Jack and the Beanstalk <p>➤ Make a note of the sentence starters to use in your writing. Can you change the order or replace them with an alternative?</p>
<p>p7 – p11 Numeracy</p>	<p>Numbers to 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Counting to 10 and doubling to 10 ➤ Can you work out who each of the characters are that Dwbl doubles?
<p>p12 – 16 LLC</p>	<p>Which of the characters from other stories can you see? Each character that Dwbl doubles is from a nursery rhyme, song or story. Do you know the characters? Read the stories, songs and rhymes. Which is your favourite?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6 – Mother Goose 7 – Little Bo Beep 8 – Humpty Dumpty 9 – There was an Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe 10 – Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Make a note of the sentence starters to use in your writing. Can you change the order or replace them with an alternative? ➤ Why has the apostrophe been used on p13? what is the missing letter?
<p>p12 – 16 Numeracy</p>	<p>Numbers to 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Counting to 20 and doubling to 20 ➤ Can you work out who each of the characters are that Dwbl doubles?
<p>p17 – 20 LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Which of the characters can you see from p3–11? ➤ Some of the sentences start with conjunctions. What do you notice about these sentences (commas). Can you re arrange the sentence so that the conjunction isn't at the start? What happens if you take the conjunction out altogether?

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<p>p17 – p20 Numeracy</p>	<p>The concept of doubling increasing quantity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What happens if you keep doubling everything? How many times can you double the number of bean bags before there are too many to fit on the paper plate? <p>Hanner's halves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Half of Hanner's stripes are blue and half are yellow. Hanner is approximately half the size of Dwbl.
<p>p21 LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have you heard of the phrase 'rack your brain'? What does it mean? Do you know any other phrases like this? Some people think that rack should be spelled wrack. What do you think? ➤ What does the word formulate mean? What other words could have been used instead?
<p>p21 Numeracy</p>	<p>The concept of reversing the effect of doubling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What do you think Dwbl's plan should be? What could she do? ➤ What could you do to reverse the effect of doubling? Could you multiply, divide, add or subtract? Which is the most effective method? Why?
<p>p22–23 LLC</p>	<p>Past Tense Verbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Look at the verb endings on p22. Why do you think 'walked' ends in 'ed' but sitting ends in 'ing'? What effect does this have? Why hasn't 'sat' been used? <p>Hyphens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why has a hyphen been used for kind-hearted? Why isn't it used for sad dragon? <p>Apostrophes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why has the apostrophe been used on p23? What belongs to the sad dragon?
<p>P24 LLC</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the difference between half and halve? Do you know when you should use each one? ➤ Half full or half empty? Which do you think it is? How are these phrases used for how someone views the world? How do you look at things? Is it possible to train yourself to be more positive or negative? <p>Capitals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why does a Halving Dragon have capitals? Could it have ben written without capitals? What effect would it have?

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<p>p24 Numeracy</p>	<p>The concept of halving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finding half of numbers, quantities, measures, objects, and shapes ➤ What happens if you keep halving? ➤ Keep halving the bean bags on the paper plate (activity for p17–22). How many beanbags do you end up with before you can't half the number any more? Can we halve one beanbag? ➤ Fill different containers so that they are half full. Do any of the containers hold the same amount even though they are different shapes?
<p>p25 LLC</p>	<p>Have you heard the phrase 'broke into a grin'? What does it mean? Does Dwbl's face really break? What other ways could you say the same thing?</p>
<p>p25 Numeracy</p>	<p>The concept of halving reversing doubling What do you think Dwbl's plan is on p25? Where do you think Hanner could live?</p>
<p>p26 – p27 LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The sentence starts with the phrase 'trembling with excitement'. What else can cause you to tremble? ➤ Can you replace the phrase with your own phrase, e.g. Laughing loudly, what difference does it make to the meaning? <p>Idioms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What does 'in next to no time' mean? ➤ Research idioms for time. Can you draw an explanation to help someone understand ➤ Apostrophe ➤ Why is the apostrophe at the end of the word 'hearts' instead of before the s? Can you find any other words where the apostrophe would be after the word instead of before the s?
<p>p27 Numeracy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dwbl is doubling the apple in her thoughts and Hanner is halving what Dwbl has doubled. Can you draw any other items that have been doubled and then halved? What do you notice about the starting and finishing items? Make statements about the pictures, e.g. The first item is half the doubled item. The second item is double the first item. The last item is half the second item. The last item is the same as the first item. What patterns do you notice? ➤ Do you think Dwbl's plan was the best one? What would you have done?
<p>P28 Numeracy</p>	<p>Halving and doubling equalling a balanced world Use balance scales to weigh things that have been halved and doubled. Are they perfectly balanced?</p>