



Using the Countdown Cards



A one-off activity

The Countdown cards can be used as a one-off activity to decide who sets the date or opens the door on an advent calendar, by giving learners a card each to solve.

A Daily Challenge

Alternatively the Countdown cards can be used as a daily challenge. Each day learners are given three different cards to solve to see which card contains the answer for that day.

Extending the task

Expecting learners to clearly explain how they know which card is today's card can help develop their reasoning skills. This can be developed further by asking learners to create explanation cards to support other learners to find the answer. Learners can also create their own question cards for the rest of the class to solve.

Wrong Answers

If two learners have different answers for the same card, they must convince each other that they are correct, further developing understanding and explanation skills.

Well-being

The Countdown cards can be used to support well-being by leaving personal messages for learners behind their door in the Countdown truck or on the day they are changing the advent resource.

Developing languages

The Countdown cards can be used to support languages by leaving personal messages for learners in the target language behind their door in the Countdown truck. Learners can then leave their reply - a quick opportunity to assess understanding and writing skills.

Resources on the CD

The countdown resource CD contains a pdf of the cards to print off any lost cards and an editable PPT so that you or your learners can create your own cards.

Card Answers

The cards are in order on the PPT so if you are unsure of an answer they can be checked on the PPT, e.g. The 17th card in each set is door number 17.

