

## LESSON PLAN 19: TEXTING LITERACY STRATEGY

**Objective:** To use txt messages to define and understand meanings of words

**Age range:** 14-18

In geography, like most subjects, there is a lot of jargon particularly at the beginning of new topics. This is a very simple but effective literacy strategy I used for my Year 13 class. Obviously, it can also be used for any jargon in any subject.

### YOU WILL NEED

- ▶ Mobile phones (although the activity could also be conducted in any written/typed medium, such as email)

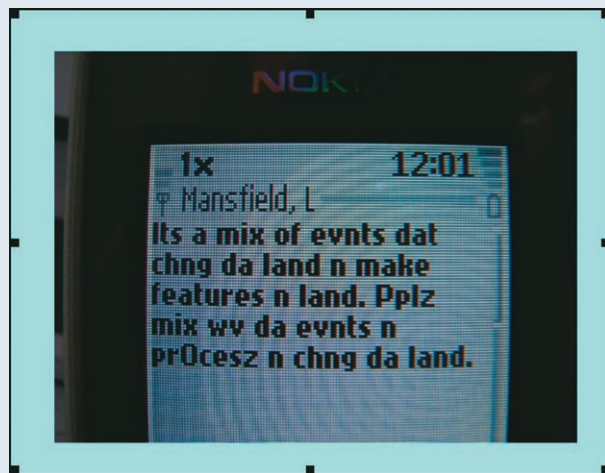
### DEVELOPING

Literacy, geography, problem-solving, creativity

### METHOD

1. Select the term that needs to be defined or explained.
2. Discuss possible meanings of the word.
3. Get students to txt the definition to each other in their own txt language.
4. Discuss the txts and publish the best ones on a smart board, screen, website, blog, etc.
5. Students then translate the txt into formal language and txt it back.
6. The best one is chosen and used as the formal definition.

IN GEOGRAPHY, THE WORD 'PROCESS' IS SIGNIFICANT ESPECIALLY IN THE ACHIEVEMENT STANDARD: AS90701 "NATURAL PROCESSES". HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A TXT DEFINITION.



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