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### Featured websites



This month's choices are free special needs worksheets, music scores and election worksheets.

[www.senworksheets.co.uk](http://www.senworksheets.co.uk)

This is a website with worksheets for special educational needs (also useful for younger children). Although designed for teachers who wish to pay to subscribe to the thousands of worksheets on site, there are over 250 free worksheets available for anyone to download and print. At the top left-hand side of the website pages is a box saying "categories", e.g. basic skills, comprehension, English, festivals, maths, thinking skills etc. Once you have made your choice, click on the "free worksheets only" box and all those related to the category will appear.



[http://www.free-scores.com/index\\_uk.php3](http://www.free-scores.com/index_uk.php3)

This is a website of free music score sheets (the site is available in either English or French). They offer over 10172 pieces to download in PDF format. The left hand side of the page has the search box, choose the instrument you are interested in, then click the "free sheet music" box underneath. Alternatively you can click the instrument section on the home page, or search the A-Z composers list. If you look further down the left hand side of the homepage, you can also get free MP3 downloads.



<http://newzealand.govt.nz/>

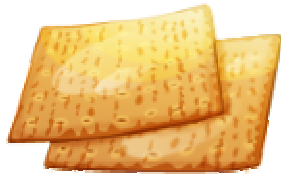
As elections are the hot topic of the day, I thought this website of the New Zealand government might be of interest. They have a click on link about the election and if you then scroll down the general topic section on the top left hand corner, you will see a "teaching an research" link. From that you can access a whole load of teaching resources, very useful for social studies and current affairs.





### Easy recipe - Crackers

Crackers are a great snack food for lunch box with a pot of dip or are always good with cheese. This easy recipe is on that the kids will enjoy helping to make themselves.



- 1 cup plain flour (alternatively use ½ cup plain flour and ½ cup wholemeal).
- ½ tsp salt.
- 2 tbsp butter
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tbsp sesame seeds

Pre heat the oven to 200°C

Place the flour, salt, butter and sesame seeds in a bowl or food processor. Mix well then add the water to form a soft dough.

Roll the dough on a floured bench to desired thickness (I find quite thin is the most popular) prick with a fork and cut into pieces.

Place the crackers on a floured tray and bake until golden (approx 8 – 10 minutes).

Leave to cool and harden before eating.

**Variations:** You can vary the taste by using different kinds of flour, or by adding herbs, nuts, seeds or spices or cheese etc. We like salty crackers so as well as putting some in as part of the basic recipe, I also sprinkle ours with salt before baking.

### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

8	2	3	1	9	5	4	7	6
4	9	5	3	7	6	1	2	8
1	7	6	4	8	2	3	5	9
5	8	2	6	1	3	7	9	4
7	6	9	2	4	8	5	3	1
3	4	1	7	5	9	8	6	2
9	3	4	5	2	1	6	8	7
6	1	8	9	3	7	2	4	5
2	5	7	8	6	4	9	1	3

### Orders

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