
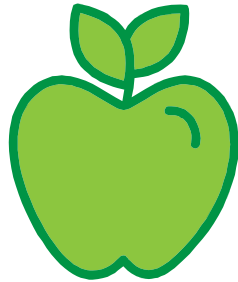
	<b>REAL SPECIAL TIMES</b>	
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### Featured websites



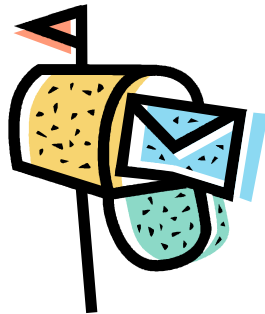
[www.eduplace.com/tales/](http://www.eduplace.com/tales/)

This site has three sections with lots of different activities. In the "teachers section, I like the shape book patterns, in the student section I liked the Wacky Web tales using speech parts to create fun rhymes and in the parents section I liked the links to lots of home-schooling internet resources.



[www.nzpost.co.nz/myfuture](http://www.nzpost.co.nz/myfuture)

My Future Party is an interactive educational resource as part of NZ Post 20th anniversary celebrations. I like the way it has the answer options in sign language, English and te reo Māori. Students have to choose a venue, think about how much they will need to spend, design the stamp etc and there are good teachers notes showing how it links to the NZ curriculum.



[http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/mind/index\\_surveys.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/mind/index_surveys.shtml)

If you enjoy taking short surveys and psychology tests – you will love this selection from the BBC. There are a whole range, including:

#### **Personality**

Who do you think you are? This psychology test scores you on five aspects of your personality.

**Duration: 15 minutes**

#### **Do you hear what I hear?**

Do melodies have a colour? Take part in our experiment to test whether you hear colours. Requires Flash 5

**Duration: 10 minutes**

#### **Art and personality**

Is there a connection between your personality type and the art that you like? **Duration: 15 minutes**

#### **Explore your memory**

Stretch your memory with fun challenges designed by experts.

**Duration: 20 minutes**

#### **Sensation seeking**

Find out if you're a thrill-seeker in this classic psychological test.

**Duration: 12 minutes**



### Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot.



Well, I have had a good idea on how to stop the ducks coming back in the garden – I have taken up karate! As you can see, I have got myself the outfit and now just need to learn a few kicks so that I can keep the garden all to myself!

### Just for fun - Edith's karate jokes

Q. What kind of karate move can a dog do?

A. Bow (Wow!)

Q. What do you call a duck that does karate?

A. Goose Lee

Q. Why did the karate duck go to the doctors?

A. He had kung flu

A young couple who lived in a town filled with crime. After three robberies nearby, they decided to get a guard dog.

The wife went to the pet store and said, "I need a good guard dog". The assistant replied, "All we have left is this little poodle but she does know karate".

The wife didn't believe the assistant so he said to the dog, "Karate that chair". The poodle went up to the chair and broke it into pieces. Then he said, "Karate that table" so the poodle went up to the table and broke it in half.

Impressed, the wife bought the poodle and took it home to her husband. He was expecting a big dog so was disappointed and somewhat sceptical about the poodle's abilities as a guard dog.

When the wife told her husband that the dog knew karate, he said, "Karate my foot!" He was soon sorry he did – he still needs crutches to get around!

### Sudoku

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

### Easy recipe - Tangy Lemon Slices

This recipe makes use some of the bountiful harvest of lemons around at the moment - if you love the taste of lemon curd, you'll love these slices.



### Ingredients

#### Base

125g softened butter  
1 ¼ cups plain flour  
3 tablespoons icing sugar (I never actually buy icing sugar – I just whiz granulated sugar in the coffee grinder and it works just as well!)

#### Topping

3 eggs  
1 cup caster sugar  
3 tablespoons plain flour  
Juice of 2 lemons (plus zest if desired)

### Method

#### To make the base

Pre-heat oven to 180°C (356 F).

Line a medium sized baking tin or dish with greaseproof paper or foil (I used a Pyrex dish size 29 x 19cm)

Beat the softened butter and icing sugar together.

Stir in the 1¼ cups of flour until all are combined.

Press mixture evenly over base of prepared tin / dish.

Bake for about 15 minutes until browned lightly.

#### To make the topping

Place eggs, sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, lemon juice (and zest) in a bowl.

Mix or whisk to a smooth consistency.

#### To combine

When the base is ready, pour the lemon mixture over it.

Return to the oven and bake for approx 20 minutes or until firm.

Cool in tin on a wire rack before cutting into 16 squares.

Store in the fridge.

### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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