Language Awareness for Key Stage 3

9: Determiners

Activity 1:

Look at the sentences below. In groups, try to come up with a description of what it is that makes them odd. It should be possible to express this in terms of a single property, even if you can't find a good name for it.

- John is going to become a chef —
  but we don't know which chef
- Mary wants to marry a Swede with ten children —
  but she's almost given up hope of finding one
- Every morning I read the newspaper —
  and by now I almost have it memorised
- Mrs Smith has been fifty years at this school as the headmaster's wife —
  but none of our headmasters has lasted longer than ten years

Activity 2:

In groups, take some time to think of any other languages that you might know. What sort of demonstratives do these languages have? How many different categories are there?

Language	Demonstratives	Total
Latin	*hic, iste, ille*	*3*