Language Awareness for Key Stage 3

14: Agreement and Finiteness

Activity 1:

In groups, take some time to think of any other languages that you might know. What sort of agreement do these languages have? Do verbs change their form for subjects, objects, or neither? Do they agree with anything other than person and number (e.g. gender)?

Language	Agreement	Agrees with
English	*subject*	*person, number*

Activity 2:

Infinitives in Portuguese have some unusual properties. In groups, take some time and have a look at the sentences below.

- Os homens olhavam sem <u>perceber</u> isso
  'The men stared without realising it'
- Os homens olhavam sem <u>perceberem</u> isso
  'The men stared without their realising it'
- Os homens olhavam sem <u>percebermos</u> isso
  'The men stared without our realising it'

What do you think is going on here?

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