Language Awareness for Key Stage 3

17: Complex Sentences — Part II

Activity 1:

Take some time and make a list of other English verbs that can be followed by complementisers in this way. Which ones mean that the statement in the embedded clause must be true? (e.g. *know*) Which ones mean that it must be false? (e.g. *pretend*) Which ones say nothing about whether it is true or false? (e.g. *say*)

Verb	Truth Value

Activity 2:

In groups, take some time to think of any other languages that you might know. Try to come up with examples of indirect questions and indirect statements in these languages. Which languages show a change of tense for statements made in the past? Which languages have different moods, and where are these used?

Language	Tense Shift?	Moods	Mood Examples