

TREND TASK



Santa Gets Ready

Approach: One to one

Focus: Ordering pictures to tell a story.

Resources: 8 picture cards.

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Questions/instructions:

Give student the set of pictures in order 1–8

Look carefully at all 8 pictures. They tell a story about Father Christmas getting ready, but they are not in the right order.



1. Put the pictures into the right order. Don't take any notice of the numbers on the cards.

Allow time for the student to arrange pictures.

Record the card numbers before asking the next question.

Correct order: (4, 8, 2, 7, 1, 5, 3, 6)

2. How do you know these are now in the right order?

PROMPT: *What are the clues?*

not marked

If you want to make any changes you can do that now.

Point to card numbered 3.

3. How do you know this one goes here?

If the student has made any changes, record the changes below the existing answers.

4 clues: *(all clothes on; bag strap visible; still inside house; saying goodbye)*

	% responses	
	2002 ('98)	2002 ('98)
	year 4	year 8
mentioned all 4 clues	2 (1)	1 (3)
mentioned 3 clues	8 (6)	12 (15)
mentioned 2 clues	29 (31)	35 (36)
mentioned 1 clue	49 (45)	44 (36)
any other response	12 (17)	8 (10)

Commentary:

While half or more of the students at both levels could place the 8 pictures into the correct order, only a small percentage could thoroughly justify the placement of the second to last picture in the sequence. Year 8 students performed only a little better than year 4 students in this regard.