

## Phone Message



TREND TASK

**Approach:** Independent

**Focus:** Retelling a phone message.

**Resources:** Audio recording on laptop computer.

**Level:** Year 4 and year 8

### Questions/instructions:

This activity uses the computer.

**Click the Phone Message button.**

On the computer you are going to hear a phone message, but you will only hear it one time, so you will need to listen very carefully.

After you have listened to the message, I'll ask you to write a short note telling what it said.

**Click the Play button.**

Now I want you to write a short note which tells what the phone message said.

### Audio script:

Hello. This is Frank Kane of the town library speaking. I'd like to leave a message for one of the teachers called Mrs Bright. Would you tell her that it will be all right for her class to visit the library next Tuesday at 11 o'clock. We'll have the videos about wild animals that she wants the kids to see. It takes about half an hour. Thanks.



Components included:	% responses		
	2002 ('98) year 4	2002 ('98) year 8	
from Frank Kane (Frank, Mr Kane, someone Kane, Fred Kane)	24 (17)	44 (40)	
of town library (Librarian, Library man, Library Manager, Library, Public/City Library)	30 (20)	59 (51)	
to Mrs Bright (Mrs Sprite, Mrs Blight, Mrs Brit, Mrs Brat)	32 (24)	53 (45)	
okay for class to visit library	65 (65)	79 (82)	
next Tuesday	20 (21)	31 (35)	
at 11am (11, 11 o'clock)	16 (21)	38 (41)	
has the video	49 (54)	72 (87)	
about wild animals (wildlife, animals – but not specific animals)	51 (45)	66 (75)	
video takes about half an hour	20 (27)	48 (52)	
<b>Total score:</b>	8–9	0 (2)	11 (10)
	6–7	13 (8)	32 (33)
	4–5	31 (28)	33 (38)
	2–3	31 (39)	16 (15)
	0–1	25 (23)	8 (4)

### Commentary:

Overall, both year 4 and year 8 students performed at similar levels in 1998 and 2002. On average, about 20 percent more year 8 than year 4 students included each component of the message.

## YEAR 4 – HIGH RANGE:

Hello. This is Frank from the Town Library speaking. I'd like to leave a message for a teacher called Mrs Bright. Would you tell her it is alright for her class to come to the Town library on Tuesday at 11.00. We will watch those wild animal videos she was wanting her class to see. That will take about 1/2 an hour. Thank you. Bye

He was leaving a message to Miss bright that her class can come and visit the library and watch the wild life video on Tuesday at 11 o'clock and the Video was half an hour long.

Hi I'm from the Library this message is for Mrs Bright just saying if she could come down to the library next Tuesday at 11.00 so they can watch the wild animal video which will take about half an hour.

Hi this is Frank from the public library Can you tell one of the teachers could [called] Mrs Bright that her class can come to the library on Tuesday and I will have the wild life videos that she wanted they take 1/2 hour. bye

## YEAR 4 – MID RANGE:

Hello my name is Frank and he worked at the library and that he had the videos that the teacher wanted and said how long they were. that they will be able to come at 11.00 till 12:30.

Library said ok to come to the library your class at 11.00 to look at some videos on lions. To Mrs bright

This is Frank from the town library one of the teachers is going to show you about wild animals.

He was talking to her about when she was going to the library and he said it was all right to go and he said the video would take half an hour and it was from Frank

It said that the class can go to the library to watch a wild life movie. and it will take half an hour.

## YEAR 8 – HIGH RANGE:

It was about a man from the Library saying that it will be alright if Mrs Bright's class comes to the library on Tuesday at 11:00am. The Video on Wild Animals will be there to show the students it takes 1/2 an hour.

Hi. This is Frank Kane. From the town library. I would like to leave a message for one of the teachers Mrs Bright. That she can bring her class to the library next Tuesday at 11 o'clock. So she can watch the video it will take about 1/2 an hour. thanks.

Frank Kane from the town library for Mrs Bright She can come to the town library at 11.00 on Tuesday he has the wild animal videos for her, they will take about 30 minutes.

Hello this is Frank Kane from the library speaking I would like to leave a message for Mrs Bright telling her that it will be okay for her class to visit the library next Tuesday at 11:00 We will be viewing the wildlife videos it will take about half an hour.

Hello it's Frank from the town Library. this is a phone call for Miss Bright the video next Tuesday is at 11:00 it is half an hour and is about wild animals

## YEAR 8 – MID RANGE:

Frank rang Mrs Bright to tell her that she and her class will be able to come to the library and the videos she wants on wild animals will be available Thanks

The man said hello then said this name, he also said "could you please tell Mrs bright that her class can come to the library at 11:00 and they can view a video of the animals that she wanted. Thanks."

Frank from the public library to Mrs Bright to say that it is okay for her class to go to see a video about lions she wishes for them to see

The phone message was for Mrs. Bright. The person from the town library gave Mrs. Bright permission to visit the library and he has the video on wild animals ready for the kids.

Hello I would like to leave a message for Mrs Bright to tell her she bring her class to the library and the videos would take 1/2 an hour on Tuesday.