



owlfinch

Read and Play. With a Partner.

ACROSS ...



BORDERS ...

Political Borders?

Various Languages?

Cultural Differences?

NO PROBLEM!



Individual reading is good! BUT: Reading together is better!

INDIVIDUAL Points + **TEAM** Points = More **FUN**!

As a teacher you communicate in English...

Students work in their mother tongue, in English or any other available language.

And **owlfinch** **CONNECTS** it all!



Why owlfinch?

Current political and social trends move towards intercultural dialogue and understanding among peoples. Modern teaching methods and school development are on track and making efforts to live up to these trends. Even better, European Community programs have been set up to pursue exactly the same goals: the Erasmus and Comenius programs with eTwinning, for example.

International Reading Website

owlfinch, a reading website and the result of a Comenius Regio project, offers a platform for international partnerships of schools (classes) across political, cultural and linguistic borders. **owlfinch** supports and promotes a fundamental key qualification in every culture and language: **READING**.

Reading = Key Qualification!

Reading is an international key qualification for today's students, no matter what country they live in. Over the past years, reading (books) has become less popular among youngsters in most countries. Obviously there is a lack of motivation. This is where the school comes in to make a difference. Teachers have the knowledge and skills to motivate their students - for example with **owlfinch**.

Team work is motivating!

One interesting result of the many internationally conducted Comenius projects is that working together in a team is the most effective way to keep students and teachers motivated. Cooperation generates motivation!

www.owlfinch.com



- Guarantees fun with different question types!
- Offers latest bestsellers AND classic literature
- Individual AND team points
- Individual Profiles!
- And ... much more!



Better as a Team!

owlfinch can be a part of your school partnership with a class in another country, city or school - maybe with a class in the SAME school! Students who participate in the project read the same books (in their respective mother tongue or a designated language), build a team with a secret partner in **owlfinch**, play the corresponding reading game and collect points as a team! It is a great motivation for linguistic, literary and social reasons. Students can decide if they want to play with **owlfinch** or a student from a partner class.

However, by playing with a partner student, there is a greater chance of earning more points (= points as a team).

And that's not all! After completing a reading game, the identity of the partner student is revealed - in the form of a student profile.

Thomas, from Germany, finds out that Hanna, from Northern Finland, likes skiing and singing. With the teachers help, it could be the start for an email exchange.

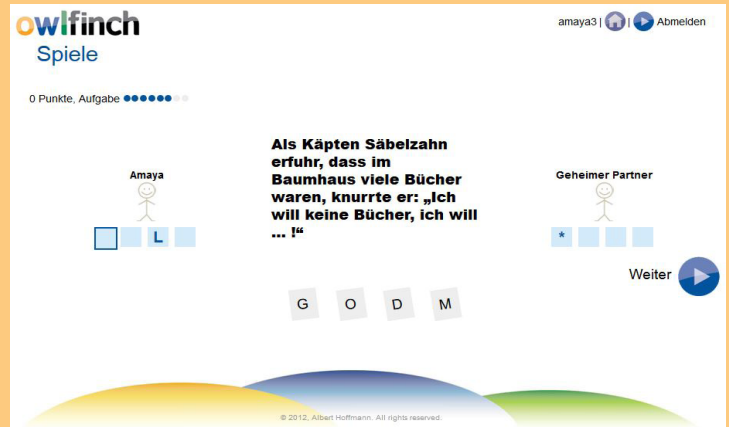
owlfinch makes children smart!

If the reading games are answered in the mother tongue of a student, the email exchange might also be in the English language. Maybe Thomas and Hannah could answer their next reading game in their respective mother tongues AND in the English language - again to earn points. This is not just smart, it's fun!

Internet - why not?

If it's so easy and effective, why should the teacher not use the fun experience in the classroom, ? Finally, the Internet has arrived in the classrooms of the schools, and prepares students and teachers for the future!

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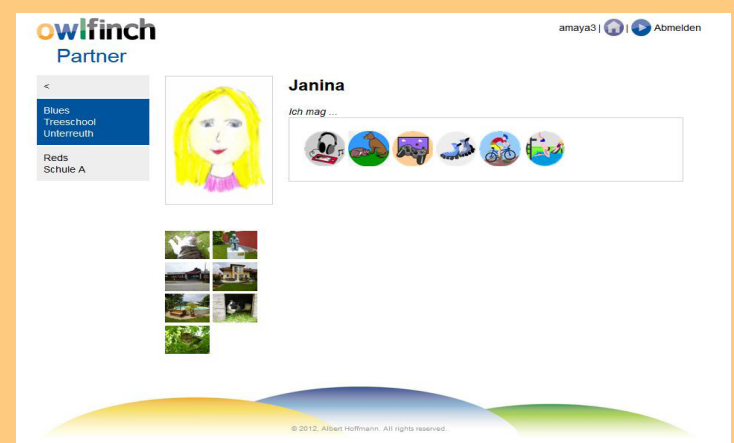


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- Or in the English language
- Or in any other available language!

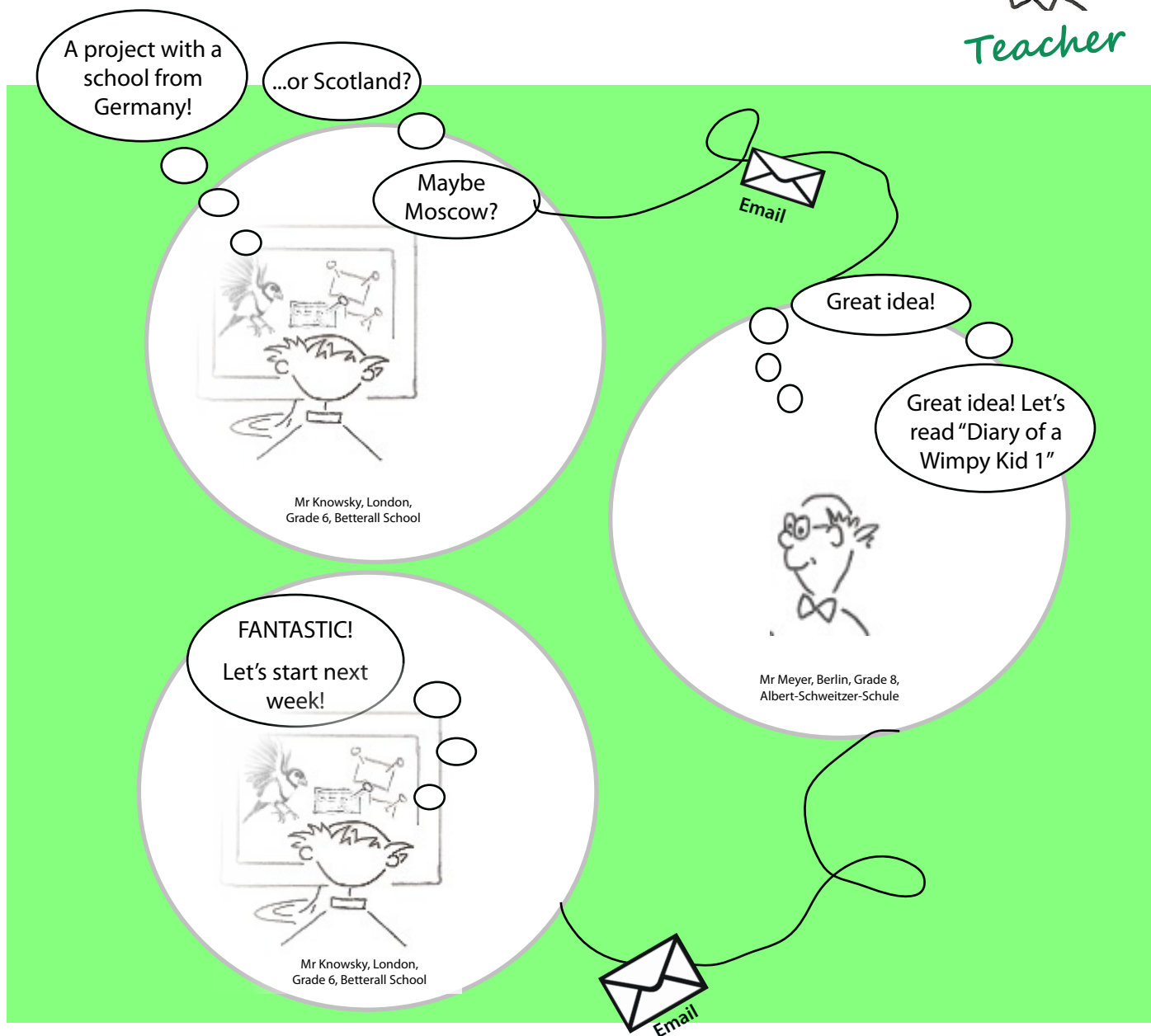
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Partner	Philipp & Selina	Tiger	177
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Statistik	Philipp & Hannah	Panther	119
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	Philipp & Marina	Panther	37

Mit Owlfinch erzielte Punktzahl: 92

Verbundene Schüler:
 Panther
 Arnoldus Grundschule Gliching 9 (1 unverbunden)
 (Aufgepasst: Jedes Mal wenn du spielst, wirst du möglicherweise mit einem Schüler verbunden, mit dem du bisher noch nicht verbunden warst.)



How to ... START!



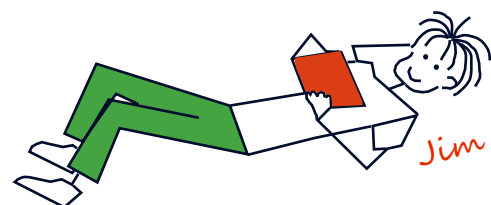
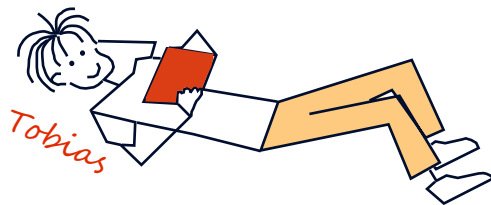
What do I have to do?

- Sign up on owlfinch (www.owlfinch.com)
- Register your class
- Find a partner class or school
- Send the Connect Code of your class to your partner
- Activate the books

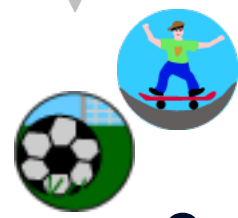
That's it! You can start now!



Step - by - Step



MATCHING ANSWERS
= ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR BOTH PLAYERS!



Jim did a great job!
Good for our team points!

Oh awesome!
Tobias likes playing football!
So do I!



How to ... ORGANIZE!

Mr Donaldson, Glasgow, Scotland

Grade 5



Example

1

Books read in class:
Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 & 3

Languages: English & Finnish

Duration of Project:
2 months

Mrs Pekka, Helsinki, Finland

Grade 6



Mrs Schmidt, Cologne, Germany

Grade 7



Example

2

4 books made available for their students as an option of choice.

Languages:
English, Polish, German

Duration of Project:
4 months

Mr Szesko, Warsaw, Poland

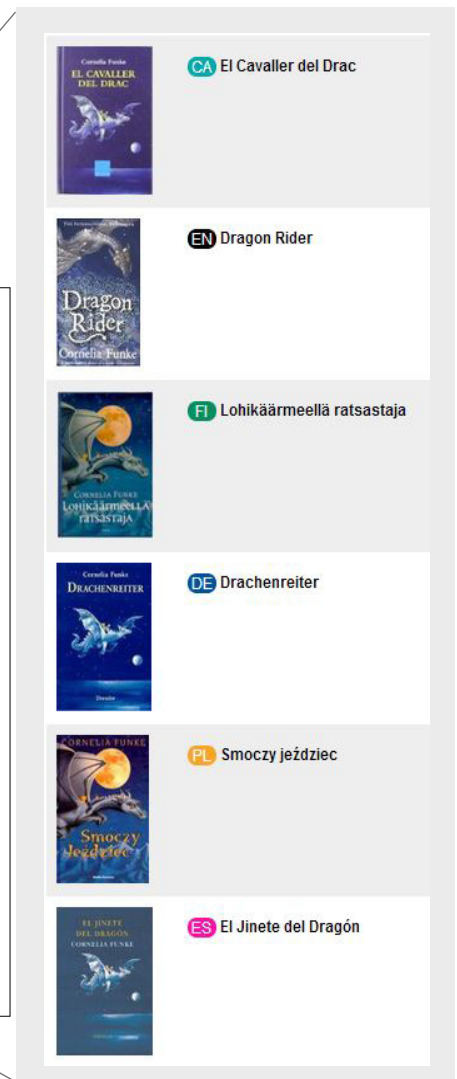
Grade 7



Frequently Asked Questions

- There are also questions which ask the students to reflect their opinion. Do they score points for these questions?
Yes, if both partners have the same opinion.
- Can two groups of students of the same country play together?
Yes! For example, grade 5a of XYZ High School in Hamburg plays with grade 6b of ABC Comprehensive School in Cologne.
- Can two classes or groups of students located in the same region or city play together?
Yes!
- Can two classes of the same school play together?
Of course! For example, grade 3a plays with grade 3b (both) from the Astrid Lindgren School in Musterstadt.
- Can more than two classes play together?
Yes!
- Does it always have to be the entire class that participates?
No! Students can also be grouped by their interests, abilities etc. The size of groups can vary. However, each group needs a reading companion (a teacher, librarian or any other interested person).
- Will book suggestions for games that are not yet in the Owlfinch data base be taken into consideration?
Definitely! We do, however, prefer books that are available in other languages as well.
- Can I contribute by creating games?
Yes, you can. There are different ways of contributing to owlfinch. You may create a text-only game. Another option is to create a COMBO game. In this case, you may come up with the questions and forward them to us and we will supply the pictures. OR you create the reading game AND draw the pictures yourself. Please note that there are certain standards that have to be met.

Overview of Games (Page 1)



Arto from Emolahti Middle School says,

"I particularly liked working with Owlfinch. It motivated my students to read books."

Who can participate?

All types of schools

Contents

We are working on the owlfinch data base ... there are still chances that we integrate your ideas and publish them in owlfinch. Active participation and contribution of ideas and educational concepts are welcome.

Languages

- Website in English
- Lingua franca teachers' accounts: English
- Students:
 - in their mother tongue
 - in any chosen language (i.e. English)

Costs

No costs. Guaranteed no costs till ...

Duration

owlfinch is usually used for the duration of a school (partnership) project. If a project lasts for 3 months, the owlfinch accounts are also used for 3 months.

What does owlfinch offer?

- Books: Reading + playing various reading games
- Languages: Learning by applying newly acquired knowledge and words in playing reading games (i.e. English as a foreign language)

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