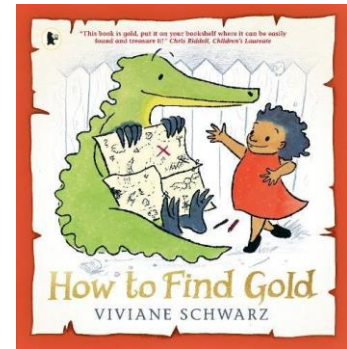


Take 5: Ideas for Independent/Home Learning

How to Find Gold by Viviane Schwarz (Walker Books)

1. Explore it

Look at the front cover of the text above, then read the spread from the book below, exploring the text and the illustration:



"Gold is always hidden. We need a map with a cross where the gold is," said Crocodile.

"That's easy," said Anna. "Draw a map of the whole world, to be sure."

"It doesn't have a cross," said Crocodile when the map was finished.

Anna drew one on.

"The gold is in France!" said Anna. "How do we get to France?"

"Hm," said Crocodile. "I don't know that bit."

Talk together about Anna and Crocodile. What is their relationship? How can you tell? What are they doing? Do you think it will be **'easy'**, like Anna says? What can you tell about the characters of Anna and Crocodile from the text that you see? How would you describe each of the characters? Are they very similar or different? Try not to just think about the way they look, think also about the way they behave.

2. Illustrate it

Look at Anna and Crocodile's map of the world. How have they made it? What have they included? If you were going to draw a map of the whole world, what would you include? What countries, special places or features do you know that you would include? Is the whole world just land? What is on the land? Around the land? Use any materials you have to hand in your home to create your own imaginary world map.

3. Talk about it

- Why does Crocodile think the cross is important?
- Why do you think Crocodile thinks that gold is always **'hidden'**? Where might Crocodile have got this idea from?
- Who do you think hides gold? Why do you think they might hide it?

4. Imagine it

Think again about Anna’s question; “How do we get to France?” What do you already know about France? If you have a globe or atlas in your home, see if you can find where you are in the world, and then where France is. You could use this downloadable example:

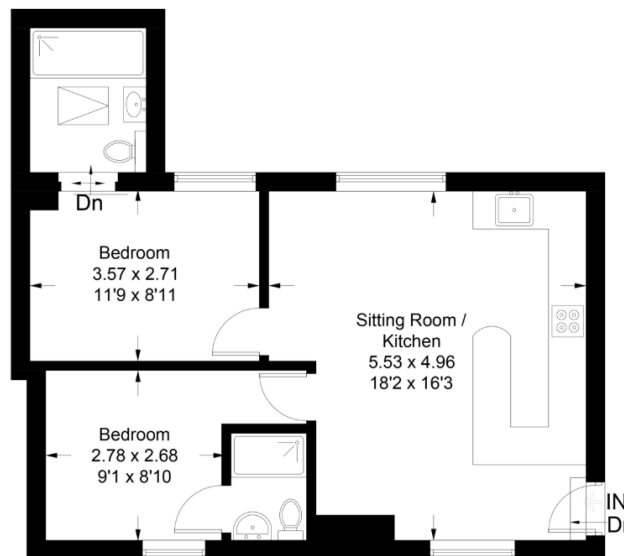
https://www.mapsinternational.co.uk/downloads/world_pol_green.pdf

How do you think Anna and Crocodile might get to France? Would they be able to walk? What might they need to get there? How might they travel? You could talk about, write or draw your ideas together.

5. Create it

Make a map of your own home. How will you show the different rooms, how the rooms are set out and the routes between them? What will you draw in each room so that the reader knows which room is which? You might draw a bed in a bedroom, a bath in the bathroom, an oven in the kitchen, for example.

You could look at how Estate Agents make floor plans for homes so that buyers have an idea of how they are set out, e.g.



On this plan you can also see the measurements of each room. If you have a long tape measure in your home, you could try measuring out the size of your rooms and record these on your own map.

Test out how good your map is by playing hide and seek using the map for clues. Hide a familiar object in a different part of your home, place a cross on the map with a pencil that can be rubbed out, or make one from a sticker that can be lifted and replaced each turn, and see if another person can follow your map to find the object.

Listen to author/illustrator Viviane Schwarz read the whole book here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxWIWJUfMEo>