Ages: 9-11

What Is the Internet Like?

4 min



What to do:

1. "The internet is a pretty complex thing. What is it like? Come up with 5 different comparisons: 'The internet is like…'"
2. Listen: like a huge library; like a city with streets; like a spider's web; like a marketplace; like a shared memory for everyone.
3. The big question: "Which comparison explains the internet most accurately? Why? And where does each comparison fall short?"

Try this too:

"What is human memory like? Find the comparison that explains it best."

Adaptation

- **Too hard?** - two comparisons are enough.
- **Too easy?** - find 7 comparisons and for each one, identify where it's accurate and where it misleads.

When revisiting after 4 months:

"We looked for comparisons for the internet. Today - what is *time* like? Find comparisons and choose the most accurate one."

What we practised:

"Analogy is a powerful tool for understanding - but every analogy misleads somewhere. Finding the most accurate comparison and recognising its limits is a sign of mature thinking."