



Appliance - Fridge

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (In some cold countries you can just put your milk and butter outside to keep in cool, but not in Australia.)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (NO! Unless you won't be using it for a long time, or it needs a clean. Turning it off when there's food inside will mean bad food and melted icecream.)

Possible lines of extension:

Food safety - what goes in the fridge, how to know when something is bad/off, what to do with bad food (bin, compost etc).



Appliance - Tablet

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (Books? Playing with friends? Drawing? Games?)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, switching off your tablet or computer when you're not using it is a great way of saving energy. Also switching off or unplugging chargers when not in use will save energy.)

Possible lines of extension:

Taking care of tablets and computers



Appliance - Phone

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (You will all need a phone at some point, but maybe not until you're older.)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, switching off your phone when you're not using it is a great way of saving energy. Also switching off or unplugging chargers when not in use will save energy.)

Possible lines of extension:

Your phone number and emergency phone numbers



Appliance - Light

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (Sunlight!)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes, although energy efficient bulbs are better than standard bulbs.)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, switching off your lights when you're not using it is a great way of saving energy.)

Possible lines of extension:

What did people use before we had electricity? Candles, lanterns etc.
Safety when touching bulbs (always let an adult do it)



Appliance - Air-conditioner/fan

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (Open the windows, draw the curtains, dress for the weather.)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, there's no need having a cool room if no one is in it)

Possible lines of extension:

The seasons - when does it normally get hot?

Staying safe on hot days



Appliance - Heater

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (Close the windows, warm up by moving around, dress for the weather.)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, there's no need having a warm room if no one is in it.)

Possible lines of extension:

Being safe around heaters

What to do if there's a fire - emergency numbers, stop drop and roll, stay low and go go go!



Appliance - Toaster and kettle

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (What about a solar oven?!!)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (No, both kettles and toasters turn themselves off once they have finished cooking - they are best left alone!)

Possible lines of extension:

Being safe in the kitchen

Other ways of cooking (on the stove, in the oven, on a fire or camp stove)

Make a solar oven



Appliance - Television

What is this a picture of? What do you see?

I wonder what we use this for?

I wonder if we need this? I wonder what we could use instead of this? (Books? Play? Heading outside?)

I wonder if this uses electricity? (Yes!)

I wonder if we should turn this off when we're not using it? (Yes, get mum or dad to switch the TV off at the wall - even the little red standby light uses lots of electricity.)

Possible lines of extension:

Being safe with electrical appliances

Make your own TV - light box, diorama, scene in a box.