

Doom words

Year 4 Growth Mindset

EASY

- What do you think this word means?
- Do you like easy learning? Why?
- Do you always like easy learning in every lesson?
- Do you think that the word 'easy' can be bad for learning?

Doom words

- Some words can be described as 'doom words'. These are words that can be bad for learning, like 'easy'.
- Think about the following examples; what are the doom words or phrases?
 - Peter likes to be the first to finish and always says very loudly "finished!" Peter is most concerned about being quicker than the other children.
 - Sarah always chooses the least challenging maths problems because she is more worried about making mistakes than challenging herself.
- Can you think of any other words or phrases that could be described as doom words?

Can you sort
these words
into doom
words or
learning
words?

easy	learning	challenge
right	first to finish	determined
boring	mistake	difficult

Were any of the words difficult to sort? Why?

Can you
suggest ways
of changing
doom phrases
into positive
learning
phrases?

- For example, 'I can't...' can become:
 - 'I can't YET!'
 - 'I can't do this... so please can you help me?'
- Create a poster for our classroom to promote it as a learning zone where doom words are not acceptable.