

The Ben Ben

A Scots Language Classroom Resource

Does onieboadie her ken onieboadie cried Ben?

What's the biggest Ben in Scotland?

Ben Nevis

Wha kenns onie ither bens?

Ben Lomond. Ben Ledi, Ben Cruachan etc.

Have onie o ye ivver read Oor Wullie or the Broons?

Where dae they gang on their holidays?

Aye the but an ben.

This describes the auld twa-roomit common Scottish country house.

When someboadie is in the ither room fae us they are "ben the house" an if they come thru we say they're comin ben. In jist the same wey ye cin gang ben the house tae.

There were twa brithers Ken an Ben, ken?

Ken wis in the kitchen wi his mither an Ben wis ben the house.

Where wis he?

Then the lads' mither says tae Ken, "Tell Ben tae come ben, an if Ben disnae come ben, tell Ben A'll be ben, tae bring Ben ben!"

Hou fast cin ye say that without trippin ower the wards?

Bairns cin be individually timed an the haill class cin be taught tae say it in unison makkin a fine wee piece fer perfomance tae parents, HMIs etc.

Other materials produced by Stuart for children are - *The Wild Haggis an the Greetin-faced Nyaff* Scottish Children's Press 1995.