



Lesson plan

Learning objectives

Children will be able to:

- understand and learn the PANTS rules
- name body parts and know which parts should be private
- know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touch
- understand that they have the right to say “no” to unwanted touch
- start thinking about who they trust and who they can ask for help.

Resources

- A PowerPoint presentation
- Lesson plan*
- Pants template*
- Body parts puzzle*
- PANTS fill in the gaps*
- Pantosaurus film

*included within this document



Running the lesson



Time required: 60 minutes

Open the **Powerpoint presentation**

Slide 1: Talk PANTS

(10 minutes)

1. Introduce the PANTS rules to the class.
2. Show the Talk PANTS poster or image.
You can also show a film featuring our friendly mascot Pantosaurus. His catchy song covers the main points of PANTS and is a good way to introduce the topic.
3. Show children the PANTS acrostic to explain the main messages. Use the PANTS posters or show our web resources on the whiteboard.
4. Take each sentence in turn and explain what each letter of PANTS stands for. Check that the children understand each phrase. Encourage them to say it out loud as a chant, if they are familiar with this learning method, and depending on their age. This might be harder for younger or lower ability students.

Slide 2: Design your own pants

(10 minutes)

1. Provide a variety of arts materials so that the class can design their own pants.
This can include sheets of plain paper, wrapping paper, tissue paper, colouring pencils, pens and paints.
2. **Task: Making pants** Working in pairs/small groups ask children to design and make their own pants using the **pants templates** or by designing their own pants shapes. Each pair can use one of the PANTS letters so that there are multiple complete versions of PANTS to display or use later in task two.
3. Display the pants in the classroom as part of the ongoing objective to reinforce the PANTS rules.

Slide 3: Labelling parts of the body

(10 minutes)

1. **Task: Body parts puzzle** Create a large representation of the human body so that the children can help to label key body parts and identify what area is covered by pants (use the pants from task one for this).
Options include:
 - Use the **body parts puzzle**.
 - Have a teacher draw a body shape on the whiteboard (or a large piece of paper), or ask for a child to volunteer to do this.
2. Ask the children to help you label each part of the body. Curriculum guidance says that pupils aged 5-7 should know the terms penis and vagina. Introduce this vocabulary in measured terms when explaining that the pants region shouldn't be touched. Say that there are special circumstances when touching is OK, which you will cover next.

Slide 4: 'Good' and 'bad' touch

(10 minutes)

1. As a class discuss the difference between appropriate/'good' touch, and inappropriate/'bad' touch. Explain that touch can be good, bad or unwanted.
2. Move on to a teacher-led discussion about positive and negative feelings linked to 'good' touch/'bad' touch. Say that 'good' touch should make you feel positive – like hugs and kisses from family members.

Talk about why people might touch you:

- to show affection (hugs, kisses, cuddles)
- to keep you safe (holding your hand when you cross the road)
- if you're ill or hurt (doctors and nurses).

3. Then talk about touch which maybe doesn't feel good but is necessary such as:
 - grabbing you to stop you running into a busy road, or other danger
 - examination by a doctor or nurse (explain that you can always ask for a trusted adult to be present).

Reinforce that if someone needs to break any of the rules of PANTS they should explain why. Children can say no, and should never be forced to keep secrets that make them feel worried or uncomfortable.

4. Make sure the children understand that they should not be asked to keep secrets that involve touch. Give this example:

A parent's friend comes into your room and gives you a hug and a kiss, then they tell you it's a secret and you shouldn't tell anyone.

Explain to pupils that if they are being asked to keep secrets by people and don't understand why, they should talk to someone they trust about them.

5. Finally – 'bad touch'. Again, this needs to be teacher-led. Avoid discussions about abuse, reinforce that if they feel uncomfortable about touch they can talk to someone they trust.

Slide 5: People you can trust

(10 minutes)

1. Lead a discussion and ask the children to think of different types of helpful people. Explain that people who you can trust and who can help might be very different for different people and could include a parent, a sibling, a friend's parent, a teacher, a police officer etc.
2. **Task: Trust list** Pupils write a list of people they trust most. You should offer guidance on who this might be but make sure this does not include generalised statements of people who can definitely be trusted. Each child should create their own individual list. Encourage them to make it more personal. Ask them to think of people in their life who they feel they could confide in and trust.
3. Encourage the children to write their own list and keep it somewhere safe.

Slide 6: Plenary

(10 minutes)

1. Review and reinforce the PANTS acrostic. See if the children can remember it.

Working in small groups, give each group one letter from PANTS, and ask them to say it to the class. Ask the children to call out key words from PANTS, eg: 'private', 'your body', 'no', 'secrets', 'help'. Encourage the children to use the pants they designed earlier to consolidate their understanding.

2. **Task: Fill in the gaps (Optional, for older pupils)**

Complete the PANTS fill in the gaps. Give pupils a worksheet with the five letters of PANTS on it, and encourage them to write the sentences that complete the acrostic. This could be done individually or in groups.



Pants template

TALK PANTS

AND STAY SAFE,
LIKE PANTOSAURUS

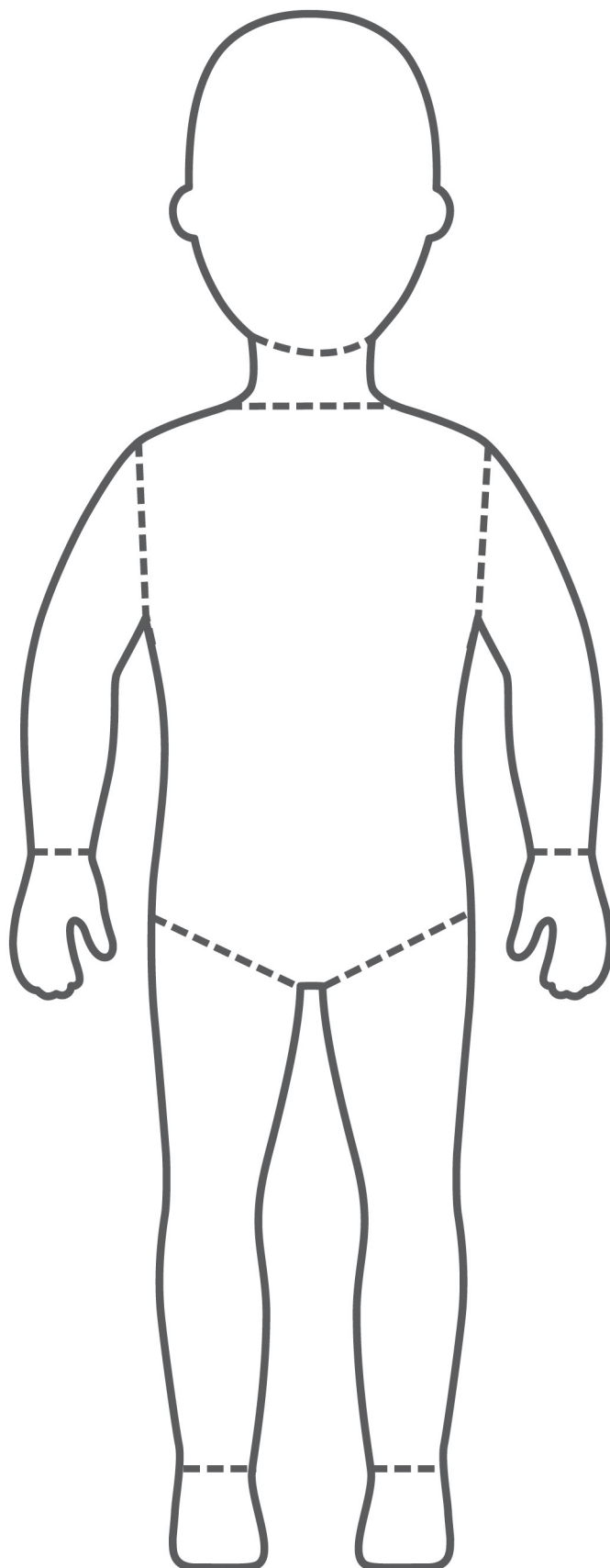
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Body parts puzzle



PANTS fill in the gaps

Can you complete the PANTS rules?

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