Integrate your coursebook

Introduction

In this activity, students evaluate their existing coursebook to see what environmental issues it deals with. Then they find areas where environmental issues could be integrated in some way.

This activity could also be used as a teacher development session by getting teachers to explore their coursebooks and looking for places to integrate environmental issues.

**Webinar time reference:** 32:34 – 34:56

**Level:** Secondary A2+

**Time:** 30 – 60 minutes

**Aim:**

- To make students aware of the connection between environmental issues and other areas of life.
- To integrate environmental awareness into a wider range of the coursebook topics.
**Preparation:**

- Make sure you have copies of the coursebook for all your students.
- Make a copy of the contents page that they can make notes on.
- Make a digital copy to show on a data projector.

**Procedure:**

- Put your students into groups of 4 – 5.
- Ask them to brainstorm the causes of environmental problems. They should try to identify as many problems as possible, both big and small.
- Set the students a time limit.
- When they have finished, see which group has the most and ask them to share. Ask the other students to listen and then add any problems they missed.
- Next, ask the students to open their coursebooks.
- Ask them to work in groups and look through the coursebook pages and topics. Ask them to try to connect an environmental problem with as many of the topics and pages as possible.
- Once they have finished, put up the contents list of your coursebook and ask the students to tell you which problems connect to each of the units and pages.
- Make a note of their suggestions as you work through the book.
- Tell the students you will use their suggestions to include an environmental focus activity in each of the places they have suggested.
- Note: You can use the sources in the ‘Additional resources’ section to find lesson and activities that work with your coursebook.
**Additional resources**

**Climate Connection**

- This is a British Council site that has a collection of materials to support teachers and help them raise awareness of climate related issues in the classroom.
  
  https://www.britishcouncil.org/climate-connection/get-involved/resources-school-teachers

**ELT Sustainable – Lesson plans**

- This site has a collection of lesson plans arranged by topic that you can download for free.
  
  https://eltsustainable.org/lesson-by-topic/

**Renewable English**

- This site has a wide range of lesson plans on topics related to environmental challenges.
  
  https://renewableenglish.com/home

**Climate Action in Language Education lesson plans**

- This series of twelve lesson plans provides teachers with step-by-step guidance and resources. They are an ideal starting point to help to address issues of sustainability in the classroom.
  
  https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/climate-action-language-education-lesson-plans