

Creating a poster

Introduction

In this activity, the students learn about how to protect the environment by singing a song.



They learn some vocabulary and learn the lyrics of the song through mime. Once they have learned the song, they create a poster to encourage others to protect the environment.

Webinar time reference: 35:10 – 36:00

Level: Primary A2+

Time: 30 - 60 Minutes

Aim:

- To make students aware of things they can do to help protect the environment.

Preparation:

- Print copies of the song worksheet and lyrics for your students.

Song activities:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/sites/kids/files/attachment/songs-its-up-to-me-and-you-worksheet.pdf>

Song lyrics:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/sites/kids/files/attachment/songs-its-up-to-me-and-you-lyrics.pdf>

Procedure:

Lesson 1

- Ask the students what they do to help the environment.
- Get their suggestions and help them with vocabulary. Note: You may need to translate some of them.
- Give the students the first of the song activities and ask them to try to match the words to the images.
- Correct the students' answers and model and drill the pronunciation of the words.
- Now tell the students they are going to listen to a song. Tell them to say stop if they hear one of the words from the sheet in the song.
- Play the video <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/songs/its-up-me-and-you> and pause it every time they think they can hear one of the words. Ask them to tell you what the words were.
- Once you have played through the whole song, give the students the matching activity from the worksheet.
- Play the song again and ask the students to listen and match the two parts of the sentence.
- Next, ask the students to think of a mime for each of the sentences.
- Choose the best suggestions and practice the mimes together as you say the sentence.
- Ask the students to stand up and do the mimes as they hear the sentences in the song.
- Play the video again and mime together with the song.
- Now give the students a copy of the lyrics and this time ask them to try to sing along with the video.
- If the students are confident enough, you can play it again and ask them to sing and mime.

- Now ask the students to choose one of the things they think is important and make a poster to persuade people to do this.
- You can ask the students to work in pairs or small groups to do this.
- Once they have made their posters, you can hang them up, and they can look at each other's posters. They can also post them around the school to persuade other students to look after the environment.

Materials:

Video – It's up to you and me

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Additional resources

Climate Connection

- This is a British Council site that has a collection of materials to support teachers and help them raise climate related issues in the classroom

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/climate-connection/get-involved/resources-school-teachers>

Insect extinction

- Did you know that insects are disappearing? Watch the video to find out why and what you can do to help.

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/video-zone/insect-extinction>

Plastic ocean campaigner

- What is a 12-year-old boy doing to reduce the amount of plastic in our oceans? Watch the video to find out!

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/video-zone/plastic-ocean-campaigner>

Planet Earth

- The children are visiting the Planet Earth Museum. What will they learn about our planet? Watch and find out!

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/planet-earth>

LearnEnglish Kids – Songs

- Do your students like listening to songs in English? Singing songs is a great way to get better at speaking English and there are lots of great songs for you to enjoy. Listen to songs, print activities and lyrics.

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/songs>

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>

The world water crisis

- World Water Day takes place every year on March 22nd. How much do you know about the water you drink and use every day? Watch this video and learn about the world water crisis. This article includes language development activities for students.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/world-water-crisis>

Sustainable development goals

- How can we make the world a better place? Listen to this song and learn how people plan to improve the world. This article includes language development activities for students.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/sustainable-development-goals>

A Plastic Ocean

- A Plastic Ocean is a new documentary that looks at the problems that are caused when plastic waste goes into the sea. Watch the trailer and find out more about how plastic can be dangerous to sea animals and human health.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/plastic-ocean>

Environmental problems

- This lesson plan for teachers of teenage and adult students at level B1 and above is based on the theme of climate change. Students will develop their dictionary skills pronunciation of weak syllables in long words.

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/environmental-problems>