

Title: The concept of sustainability

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Short description : In this activity, students learn the concept of sustainability, cultural differences in food and waste management, and sustainable practices. The practice vocabulary and get introduced to waste separation and making sustainable choices in the supermarket. It promotes speaking, listening, and critical thinking.
Language activity is designed for: German as foreign language.
Age group:
Level: A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 Teacher trainees

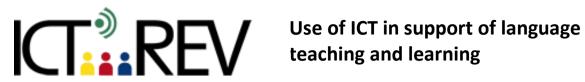
Learning outcomes:

- Comprehending the concept of sustainability and learning its related vocabulary at an A1/A2 level.
- Understanding cultural differences regarding food and waste management.









- Learning about the waste separation system in the region.
- Becoming familiar with sustainable choices in the supermarket and sustainable practices in the classroom.

Skills:
□Listening
⊠Speaking
⊠Reading
□Interaction
⊠Vocabulary
☐Grammar
⊠Mediation
⊠Pronunciation
⊠Intercultural
⊠Plurilingual
CT tools used: Canva, Readlang, Brisk, Genially, Brisk, Google Docs
Ouration in minutes:
☐ 15-30
□30-60
☐60 - 90
☐90-120
⊠120+

Will students be marked? No

Timing: Throughout 5 lessons, during the spring term after the regional clean-up campaign.









Description of each stage of the activity:

- **1 Introduction:** Cultural differences regarding food and waste management A Canva presentation including Al-generated pictures of people from different backgrounds and their food as a discussion opener. (Prior knowledge: Food vocabulary). Objectives:
 - Talking about differences and similarities between students and cultures.
 - Talking about waste management in the different home countries.
 - Scaffolding (vocabulary list, expressions, sentence structures)

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2 - Reading comprehension: The concept of sustainability, Vocabulary practice and Quiz (Genially)

Students read an A2-level text about sustainability by using the tool Readlang, which allows them to directly translate difficult words to their mother tongue by clicking on them. After reading the text, they can use Readlang to learn difficult words by using Readlang's "Explain" and "Words" functionalities. At the end of the lesson, they do a multiple-choice guiz about the text using Genially.

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https://view.genially.com/67ecf48455eb262710559a2f/interactive-content-nachhaltigkeit [see Annex 3 if working online]

3 - Waste separation in our region

Students receive a Canva-created worksheet and a ChatGPT-created overview about waste separation. The first exercise is a right or wrong exercise about the explanations in the overview. Afterwards, students have to assign waste examples to the fitting trash bin. Next is a discussion exercise about the importance of waste separation.









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4 - How to make sustainable choices in the supermarket - Presentation and speaking activity

Students are shown a Brisk-created presentation about sustainable choices in the supermarket. Each slide contains speaking topics regarding different aspects of the general topic. There are also partner activities included, and by the end, students have to write down the changes they want to make in their own lives.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Yw1bvV4iSHqE_W5CkbXGRjlaPEyc3bmfa7LHM-BBPE/edit?usp=sharing [see Annex 6 if working offline]

5 - Creating an overview of sustainable practices in the classroom

Students are shown an exemplary version of an overview created in Canva. Afterwards, they are asked to use their own Canva account on their laptop to create an overview on their own in groups.

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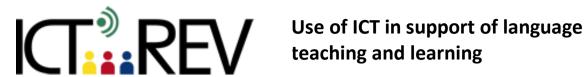
OR

Produce a video that explains the waste management based on the overview: https://lumen5.com/









Potential challenges/problems: Maybe sometimes too difficult for A1 students.

Suggestions for learner assessment/self-assessment/feedback/peer feedback:

- Self-assessment: Vocabulary Flash Cards (Readlang).
- Assessment: Genially Quiz about sustainability.
- Peer feedback: Speaking activity and reflection in pairs about sustainable choices - teacher walking around and listening to their speaking production (setting up a grid with key words, full sentences, pronunciation), presentation of the overviews: Sustainability in the classroom

Post-evaluation of the activity: Using Padlet or Mentimeter

Personal comments from the authors: The students should be allowed to use translation tools if the language level is too difficult.

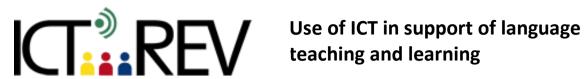


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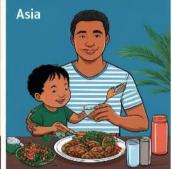




Annex 1: Canva presentation

























Annex 2: Text on Readlang

Nachhaltigkeit

Nachhaltigkeit ist wichtig. Es bedeutet, dass wir die Umwelt schützen und an die Zukunft denken. In Deutschland machen viele Menschen etwas für die Nachhaltigkeit. Zum Beispiel trennen sie den Müll. Es gibt verschiedene Tonnen: eine für Plastik, eine für Papier und eine für Glas. So wird der Müll recycelt und die Materialien werden wiederverwendet.

Ein weiteres Thema ist das Wasser sparen. Viele Menschen in Deutschland drehen den Wasserhahn zu, wenn sie sich die Zähne putzen. Sie duschen auch schnell, um Wasser zu sparen. Das ist gut für die Umwelt.

Auch beim Einkaufen kann man nachhaltig sein. Manche Menschen kaufen nur, was sie wirklich brauchen. Sie benutzen keine Plastiktüten, sondern bringen ihre eigenen Taschen mit. Viele kaufen auch frische Produkte aus der Region. So wird weniger Energie für den Transport verbraucht.

Ein großer Teil der Nachhaltigkeit ist auch der Strom. Viele Häuser in Deutschland benutzen erneuerbare Energien wie Sonnenenergie oder Windkraft. Diese Energien kommen aus der Natur und sind besser für die Umwelt, weil sie keine schädlichen Gase produzieren.

Zusammengefasst ist Nachhaltigkeit wichtig für die Zukunft. Jeder kann etwas tun, um die Umwelt zu schützen, zum Beispiel Wasser sparen, den Müll trennen und weniger Plastik benutzen. So können wir die Erde für uns und für die nächsten Generationen schützen.









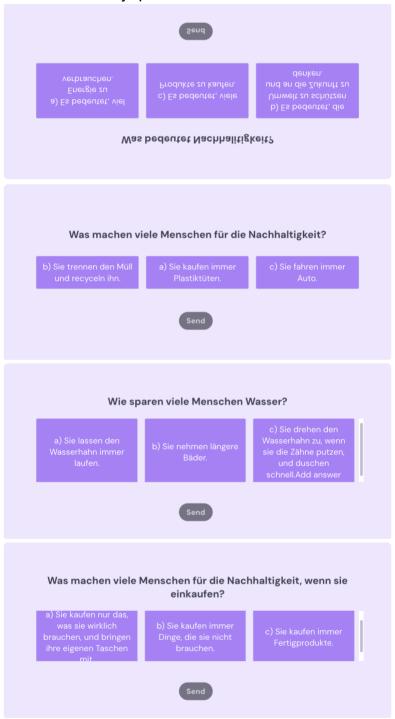








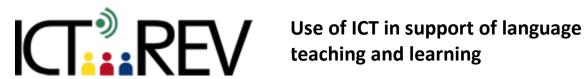
Annex 3: Genially quiz











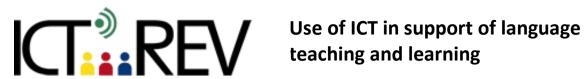
Annex 4: Canva worksheet











Annex 5: Canva worksheet



Einleitung

Nachhaltigkeit bedeutet, die Umwelt zu schützen und Ressourcen zu schonen, damit auch zukünftige Generationen gut leben können. Ein wichtiger Teil davon ist die Mülltrennung. In Ostbelgien gibt es ein spezielles System, um Abfall zu recyceln und zu reduzieren. Lass uns mehr darüber erfahren!

Mülltrennung in Ostbelgien

In Ostbelgien gibt es verschiedene Tonnen und Säcke für die Mülltrennung. Jede Farbe steht für eine andere Art von Abfall:

- · Gelbe Tonne/Sack: Für Verpackungen aus Plastik, Metall und Verbundstoffen.
- . Blaue Tonne: Für Papier und Karton.
- . Grüne Tonne: Für Bioabfall, wie Essensreste und Gartenabfälle.
- Graue Tonne: Für Restmüll, der nicht recycelt werden kann.

Warum ist Mülltrennung wichtig?

- Schützt die Umwelt: Durch Recycling werden weniger Rohstoffe verbraucht.
- Energie sparen: Recycling verbraucht oft weniger Energie als die Herstellung neuer Produkte.
- · Vermeidung von Abfall: Durch Trennung kann vieles wiederverwendet werden, was sonst im Müll landen würde.

Übungen

Aufgabe 1: Richtig oder Falsch?

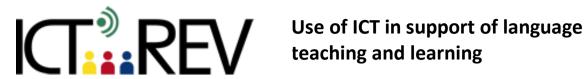
Lese die folgenden Aussagen und entscheide, ob sie richtig oder falsch sind.

- 1. In die blaue Tonne gehören Plastikflaschen.
- 2. Essensreste kommen in die grüne Tonne.









- 3. Recyceln hilft, Energie zu sparen.
- 4. Restmüll wird in der gelben Tonne gesammelt.

Aufgabe 2: Sortiere den Müll!

Ordne die folgenden Abfälle der richtigen Tonne zu:

- Apfelschalen
- Zeitungen
- Plastikflaschen
- Alufolie
- Bananenschalen

Abfall	Tonne/Sack
Apfelschalen	
Zeitungen	
Plastikflaschen	
Alufolie	
Bananenschalen	

Diskussion

- · Warum ist es wichtig, Müll zu trennen?
- · Welche Vorteile bringt das Recycling von Materialien?
- Was kannst du persönlich tun, um die Umwelt zu schützen?

Zusammenfassung

Mülltrennung ist ein einfacher, aber wirkungsvoller Schritt in Richtung Nachhaltigkeit. Indem wir uns an die Regeln halten und unseren Müll richtig sortieren, können wir alle einen positiven Beitrag zur Umwelt leisten.

Viel Spaß beim Lernen und Anwenden dieser wichtigen Informationen!







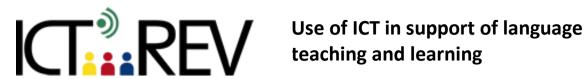


Annex 6: Brisk presentation Overview of the Learning Activity Introducing Title: The concept Sustainability (German as a foreign language sustainability for course) Target audience: A2 level German learners, ages 12-18 German as a foreign Duration: 5 lessons, 45 minutes each language students Key themes: Sustainability, cultural differences, waste management Skills: Listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, intercultural competence }} **Learning Outcomes** Lesson 1: Introduction Understand cultural differences in food and waste management Use Canva presentation with Al-generated Grasp the concept of sustainability Learn vocabulary related to sustainability Understand waste separation systems Make sustainable choices while shopping Discuss food and waste management across cultures Implement sustainable practices in the classroom Lesson 2: Understanding Sustainability Lesson 3: Waste Separation · Provide Canva worksheet and ChatGPT-created • Utilize Readlang for A2 level text on sustainability overview Students use Readlang's translation and flashcard True/False exercise on waste separation rules Assign waste examples to correct bins Facilitate discussion on importance of waste Implement Genially quiz for comprehension check separation 55 Lesson 4: Sustainable Shopping Choices Lesson 5: Sustainability in the Classroom Present Brisk-created slides on sustainable Show exemplary Canva-created overview supermarket choices Students create their own overviews in groups using Include partner speaking activities throughout Students note personal changes they plan to make Groups present their sustainability plans for the Teacher assesses speaking production using observation grid 35 Assessment and Feedback Self-assessment: Readlang vocabulary flashcards Teacher assessment: Genially quiz, speaking observation grid Peer feedback: Partner reflections on sustainable choices Post-activity evaluation: Padlet or Mentimeter for student feedback









Annex 7: Canva overview of recycling practices







