

Let's Go Green!

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Many students of English are concerned about climate change and "green" issues generally. They enjoy learning new vocabulary about environmental issues and participating in exercises. Here are some lesson ideas (reproduced here by permission) from the [BBC/British Council Teaching English website](#).

Environmental Issues

This lesson introduces learners to some of the main issues related to climate change. Learners focus on dictionary skills and the pronunciation of strong and weak syllables in long words. Focusing on the lexis in detail will help them recognise and use these terms outside the classroom.

Topic: Environmental problems

Age: Teenage/adult

Level: B1+

Timing: 60-90 minutes

Aims:

By the end of the lesson learners will be able to:

- >> understand important causes of environmental problems and some solutions
- >> extend their understanding of lexis connected to climate change and environmental issues
- >> improve understanding of pronunciation information given in a dictionary
- >> take notes and retell information to others
- >> use expressions of certainty when discussing events likely to happen in the future

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How Green Are You?

This lesson looks at ways the learners can take to reduce their impact on climate change. Learners will carry out two surveys and summarise their findings as a report.

Topic: Being green

Age: Teenage/adult

Level: A2+

Timing: 60-90 minutes

Aims:

- >> To interview others to complete a survey and summarise findings in a report
- >> To develop questionnaires on current behaviour using present perfect forms
- >> To understand the actions learners can take to reduce their impact on climate change

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Save Water

This lesson looks at the causes of water shortages locally and internationally, and learners will produce a

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poster giving advice on saving water in the home or in the school.

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Age: Teenage/adult

Level: A2+

Timing: 60-90 minutes

Aims:

>> To talk about the use of water in every day life

>> To give advice to others on their role in water conservation

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