

LESSON PLAN

Form: 8th

Subject: English

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Topic of the lesson: an opinion article

Objectives of the lesson: After watching a video about Justyna Avgul and reading an article extract “Volunteering in Lithuania”, students will be introduced to the concept of volunteering and prepared to write an opinion article about a voluntary work.

List of required material: multimedia, word list associated with kindness, slides about the concept of volunteering, requirements of writing an opinion article.

Process of the lesson: teaching and learning activities

The activities during the lesson were organised using methods such as brainstorm, discussion, mind map, individual and group work, taking notes while reading, questionnaire.

At the beginning of the lesson a teacher introduced students to the objectives of the lesson and read a quote, shown on the slide, “Nothing can make our lives, or the lives of other people, more beautiful than perpetual kindness.”-Tolstoy. Students working individually were asked to brainstorm their ideas focused on a question: **how do you practise kindness today?** Each student created a mind map and made a brief presentation of their answers to the class. A video about Justyna Avgul was presented to the students. After watching the video, students were introduced to the list of words (on the slide) associated with kindness, and had to choose the most significant ones to the topic of the video – “Kindness costs nothing”. Then, the teacher defined the word **volunteer** – someone who does a job or gives services freely and usually without pay. Students were distributed into groups to make a discussion about volunteering. Students were handed out the extracts of the text “Volunteering in Lithuania”, in order to be introduced to the concept and goals of young people’s voluntary work as well as voluntary organizations in our country. Each group of students was given a questionnaire which they had to fill in while reading the text. After the reading task students made an overview of their questionnaire answers to the class. Then a teacher introduced the information concerning the requirements of writing an opinion article on the slides. Students reviewed the structure and outline of writing an opinion article. Students were introduced to eight topics/statements concerning voluntary work, and they were asked to choose the most motivating one.

At the end of the lesson students fulfilled the notes in their self- assessment diaries.

Homework: an assigned task for students was to write an opinion article concerning voluntary work.

Additional material (tasks, handouts/worksheets/questionnaires):

1. The video about Justyna Avgul.

2. The list of words associated with kindness.
3. The text handouts about “Volunteering in Lithuania”.

Sources:

1. www.hearteach.org/Volunteering%20Lithuania.html