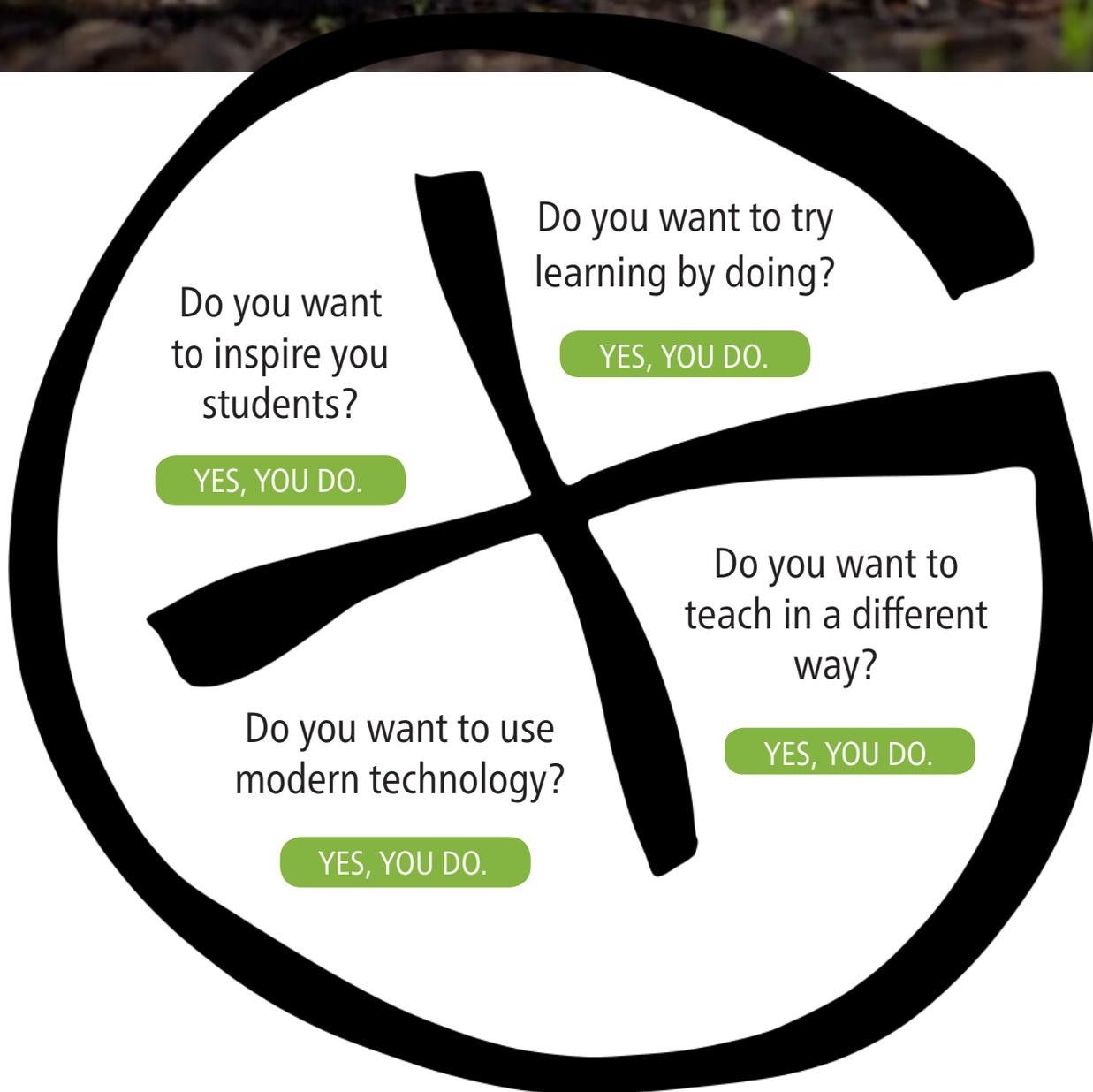


Join the world's largest treasure hunt.

[▶ What is Geocaching? \(75 seconds \)](#)



Do you want to inspire you students?

YES, YOU DO.

Do you want to try learning by doing?

YES, YOU DO.

Do you want to teach in a different way?

YES, YOU DO.

Do you want to use modern technology?

YES, YOU DO.

Try this geocaching game

The game was tested during working on Erasmus+ Let Us Speak project aiming to develop and improve students' speaking level and verbal interaction and lower their fear of speaking. This is also one of the project outputs.



Introduction

Have you ever wondered what you can find around you? Maybe there are hidden treasures ready to be found in your area, in the parks, in the forest, or anywhere you have never thought about.

If you are looking for a fun way to exercise mind and body, you should definitely try playing a growing outdoor activity called geocaching. "Geo" comes from global and "caching" refers to finding a hidden treasure. It is an entertaining adventure game which involves using GPS (Global Positioning System) and some skills for using maps. It smoothly combines technology with nature and adventure, offering a fun and healthy way of spending time in groups.

Taking part in this modern-day treasure hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit and to get outdoors to see new places and have fun. The coordinates usually will not lead you to the exact place where the cache is hidden; you have to get to the area and then play hide and seek with it! This encourages children to use their imagination and helps them develop problem-solving skills as they try to work out the best place to find their target.

So, get ready and play!



How to play the game

Overview	A game which involves using GPS and skills for using maps, combining communication and modern technology with adventure, offering a fun and healthy way in the learning process.
Group size	4 teams of up to 8 players
Time	time depends of the difficulty of the preparation (1 - 6 hours)
Materials	plastic boxes, mobiles with GPS, internet connection, geocaching app, paper, pens, a map of your town

Before playing

1. The facilitator prepares a map of your town.
2. He/She chooses six locations to hide the caches and other different six locations where to hide the secret words.
3. He/She prepares the 6 words (clues) which make the final password (diameter, bicycle, colosseum, water, zodiac, potter = circle). These six words are the same for all the teams.
4. He/She writes six descriptions of the routes to the different places in your town where the six secret words are hidden.
5. He/She puts the descriptions into the caches and hides them. He/She writes the GPS coordinates of the location of each hidden cache.
6. He/She sends two of the descriptions to the facilitator of each team (example: facilitator 1 will send two descriptions to the facilitator 2, other two to the facilitator 3 and the last two to the facilitator 4).
7. Each facilitator receives six descriptions in total (example: facilitator 1 gets two descriptions from facilitator 2, 2 from facilitator 3 and 2 from facilitator 4).
8. He/She puts each description into a little plastic box (so it is protected from rain). These 6 boxes become caches.
9. He/She marks the caches with the number/name of each team the description belongs to so that the players will know which team to contact.
10. He/She also has to hide the 6 words in different places in the town. The players will search for them according to the descriptions of the routes.
11. All the facilitators have to choose the same day for playing the game.

diameter

bicycle

colosseum

water

zodiac

potter

While playing

1. The facilitator gives the players a map of their town.
2. He/She gives them the six GPS coordinates.
3. The players find the caches following the coordinates.
4. The players contact each team and dictate the descriptions of the routes. They will get six descriptions from them in return.
5. They set off to find the places and discover the secret words.
6. Each team has to break the riddle and find the correct password.



Resources

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