

Insecurity in food and Water

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Introduction

Welcome to the e-module on "**Food and Water Insecurity**." This course is designed to equip educators with the knowledge, strategies, and tools to address two of the most pressing global challenges: food insecurity and sustainable water management.

Food and water insecurity significantly impact human health, economic stability, and environmental sustainability. Understanding the root causes, the far-reaching consequences, and potential solutions is critical for fostering informed and compassionate global citizens capable of driving meaningful change.

At the same time, effective management of these vital resources provides a pathway toward resilience and equity. By examining the intricate connections between food systems, water use, and sustainability, this module aims to highlight the importance of ethical practices and encourage innovative thinking among students.

Throughout this module, you will explore engaging instructional techniques, interactive activities, and real-world examples to empower your students to grasp the complexity of these issues. Together, we can cultivate a generation that values sustainable practices and works toward a fairer and more secure future.

Let us embark on this journey to build awareness, inspire action, and promote lasting solutions in food and water management.

Enrichment:

This e-module aligns with **UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) goals** and **UN SDGs 2, 6, 12, and 13**, emphasizing zero hunger, clean water, responsible consumption, and climate action. Educators will find a framework that blends **global citizenship education (GCED)** with **critical pedagogy**, empowering students to think systemically, act ethically, and innovate for sustainability.

The module also supports **21st-century skills**—critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, and digital literacy—through interactive digital tools and inquiry-based learning.

Learning Goals vs Learning Objectives

Learning Goals

- To empower teachers with knowledge and tools to address the global challenges of food and water insecurity in their classrooms.
- To promote critical thinking and awareness about the causes, consequences, and solutions of food and water resource mismanagement among educators and students.
- To inspire the integration of sustainable practices and resource conservation into educational settings, encouraging responsible decision-making for a secure and equitable future.
- To cultivate an understanding of the interdependence between food systems and water resources, enabling students to explore innovative and sustainable solutions.
- To encourage proactive action among educators and learners to advocate for policies and practices that mitigate food and water insecurity at local and global levels.

Enrichment:

The learning goals reflect **Bloom's higher-order thinking domains**—moving from understanding and analysis to evaluation and creation. Educators are encouraged to foster **transformative learning** by enabling students not only to comprehend sustainability issues but to envision and enact solutions.

These goals also connect to the **European Key Competences for Lifelong Learning**, particularly:

- *Civic competence* (active engagement in sustainability).
- *Digital competence* (use of AI and online tools for data analysis).
- *Cultural awareness and expression* (through art and storytelling).

Learning Objectives

By the end of this e-module, teachers will be able to:

1. Explain the causes, effects, and global implications of food and water insecurity, emphasizing its impact on health, economies, and ecosystems.
2. Identify practical strategies to introduce food and water insecurity topics in engaging and age-appropriate ways that resonate with their students.
3. Analyze real-world case studies that demonstrate the challenges and solutions related to food and water resource management and sustainability.
4. Develop lesson plans and classroom activities that encourage students to think critically about the interconnection between food systems, water use, and global equity.
5. Facilitate meaningful discussions and student-led projects that promote innovative solutions to mitigate food and water insecurity while fostering sustainability.

Enrichment:

The objectives are structured using **SMART principles**—specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. They encourage educators to guide learners through **experiential learning cycles** (Kolb, 1984): experiencing, reflecting, conceptualizing, and applying. In practice, these objectives promote **interdisciplinary teaching** across science, social studies, and arts, enabling contextual learning that bridges classroom content with real-world issues.

Pedagogical Guidelines

This e-module is designed to support teachers in integrating the topics of food and water insecurity into their lessons, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and awareness of global challenges. The following guidelines will help you maximize the module's potential:

Active Learning:

Engage students with interactive activities, debates, and problem-solving exercises to explore the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to food and water insecurity.

Real-World Connections:

Use case studies, local examples, and data to link these issues to students' daily lives and global challenges. Encourage students to critically evaluate the impact of resource mismanagement and propose actionable solutions.

Interdisciplinary Approach:

Integrate themes of food and water insecurity across multiple subjects, including science, geography, economics, and citizenship education. This approach fosters a comprehensive understanding of the interrelated nature of these global issues.

Student-Centered Learning:

Facilitate student-led projects and investigations that empower learners to explore innovative and sustainable solutions. Encourage collaboration and creativity in addressing real-world problems.

Reflection and Assessment:

Include opportunities for reflection and assessment, such as discussions, journaling, debates, or presentations. These activities foster deeper understanding and provide a means to evaluate learning outcomes effectively.

Global and Local Perspectives:

Highlight both global statistics and local challenges related to food and water insecurity. This dual focus helps students see how these issues impact their communities and the broader world.

Encouraging Advocacy and Action:

Inspire students to develop advocacy skills by designing campaigns, creating awareness materials, or participating in community initiatives to combat food and water insecurity.

Enrichment:

The pedagogical framework integrates principles of **constructivism, inquiry-based learning (IBL), and problem-based learning (PBL)**. Teachers are encouraged to adopt **scaffolded questioning** to promote critical reflection and metacognition.

Additionally, the approach aligns with the DigCompEdu framework, which develops digital competence in areas such as *digital resource creation, collaborative learning environments, and data literacy*.

For inclusivity, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles should be considered—offering multiple means of representation, engagement, and expression to ensure accessibility for all learners.

Required Technologies and Resources

Technologies:

- Access to a computer, tablet, or interactive whiteboard with an internet connection to facilitate lessons and access digital resources.
- Presentation software (e.g., PowerPoint, Google Slides) for creating and sharing lesson materials effectively.
- Online collaborative platforms or tools like **Padlet, Kahoot, or Google Classroom** for interactive activities and student engagement.

Resources:

- **E-module Content:** Comprehensive lesson plans, case studies, and activity guides tailored to the topics of food and water insecurity.
- **Multimedia Materials:** Videos, infographics, and articles that illustrate the causes, impacts, and potential solutions to food and water insecurity.
- **Access to Online Databases:** Relevant databases and websites for conducting research on global and local examples of resource management challenges.
- **Classroom Materials:** Printed worksheets, discussion prompts, or hands-on activity kits designed to engage students in problem-solving and critical thinking exercises.
- **Local Context Resources:** Data or examples related to local food and water management issues to make the learning experience more relevant and impactful.

Enrichment:

To foster **digital citizenship and safety**, teachers should guide students in evaluating sources critically, protecting data privacy, and practicing ethical digital collaboration.

Recommended platforms include **UNESCO's Open Educational Resources**, **FAO's educational data sets**, and **Google Earth for Education**. Integrating these tools not only enhances engagement but also supports inquiry-based exploration of sustainability challenges in real-world contexts.

Teachers can also create **reflective digital portfolios** where students document their learning journey, track progress, and share insights—linking assessment with metacognition and lifelong learning.

Lesson Plan 1: Understanding Food and Water Insecurity in Africa through AI and Interactive Tools

Grade: Sixth Grade (12 years old)

Subject: Geography

Topic: Insecurity in Food and Water Management in Africa

Duration: 80 minutes

Objective:

Students will explore the causes and effects of food and water insecurity in Africa and use AI tools and interactive platforms to analyze data and propose solutions.

Materials**AI Tools:**

- ChatGPT or similar AI assistants for answering questions and generating solutions.
- Google Earth or other mapping tools to explore affected areas in Africa.
- Tablets or computers with internet access.
- Infographics, maps, and videos on food and water insecurity in Africa.
- Interactive platforms like Padlet or Jamboard for collaborative activities.
- Handouts with basic data and statistics on food and water insecurity in Africa.



Activities

1. Introduction (10 minutes)

Start with an interactive presentation using Google Earth to show Africa's geography, highlighting regions most affected by food and water insecurity (e.g., Sub-Saharan Africa). Use a short video (e.g., from YouTube or UNICEF) to introduce the topic, covering causes like drought, conflict, poor resource management, and climate change.

2. AI Exploration (20 minutes)

Activity with ChatGPT or AI Assistant:

- Divide students into small groups (3-4 per group).
- Provide each group with a question to research using an AI tool, such as:
 - “What are the main causes of water scarcity in Africa?”
 - “How does food insecurity affect children in Africa?”
 - “What are some solutions to address food and water insecurity?”
- Groups summarize their findings in 2-3 points to share later.

3. Data Analysis with Interactive Tools (20 minutes)

Mapping Exercise:

- Use Google Earth or an interactive map platform to identify key regions in Africa facing food and water insecurity (e.g., Sahel region, Horn of Africa).
- Students explore the climate, population, and water sources in these areas.

Collaborative Platform:

- On Padlet or Jamboard, groups post their findings (e.g., images, facts, AI-generated ideas).

4. Solution Design (20 minutes)

Interactive Brainstorming:

- Each group uses their research and AI tools to propose a simple solution to tackle food and water insecurity (e.g., “Building wells in rural areas” or “Improving irrigation systems”).
- Groups create a poster or slide (digital or paper) summarizing their proposed solution.

Creative Task:

- Groups record a short presentation or create a quick infographic using Canva or similar tools to showcase their solutions.

5. Presentation and Reflection (10 minutes)

- Groups present their solutions to the class (brief 2-minute presentations).
- Facilitate a class discussion:

- “What can we learn from these solutions?”
- “How can we help raise awareness about these issues?”

Assessment

Evaluate group posters/slides based on:

- Understanding of the topic (food and water insecurity).
- Creativity and feasibility of solutions.
- Collaboration and participation during activities.

Extensions:

Encourage students to share their solutions on a school website or community platform. Assign a homework task to explore how global organizations (e.g., UNICEF, WHO) address food and water insecurity in Africa.

Enrichment:

This lesson plan encourages **inquiry-based learning (IBL)** and aligns with **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** and **SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)**. It builds **digital competence** (using AI responsibly) and **data literacy** by helping students interpret visual and textual information from credible sources.

Teachers can support **differentiated learning** by assigning varying complexity of research questions depending on student readiness.

Reflective prompt for educators: How effectively are students using AI to generate ethical, evidence-based insights?

Cross-curricular links: Geography (resources), Science (climate impact), ICT (digital research), and Citizenship (global responsibility).

Lesson Plan 2: Creating Images with the Help of AI

Grade: Sixth Grade (12 years old)

Subject: Visual Arts

Topic: Creating Images with Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability (Water & Food)

Duration: 45 minutes

Objective:

Students will learn how to use AI tools to generate creative visual content related to sustainability, specifically water and food. They will explore how technology like ChatGPT and Microsoft Designer can support environmental awareness.

Materials**AI Tools:**

- ChatGPT for generating image descriptions and creative ideas.
- Microsoft Designer for creating AI-generated images.
- Computers or tablets with internet access.
- Active Microsoft account for each student.
- Active email address for the teacher (to collect student work).

Activities**1. Introduction (10 minutes)**

The teacher introduces the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI), with real-life examples (e.g., creating images, answering questions).

Discussion on the role of AI in supporting sustainability, particularly in relation to water and food.

Introduction to ChatGPT as a tool for generating text and creative prompts.

2. Tool Demonstration (10 minutes)**ChatGPT Demo:**

The teacher enters a question related to sustainability (e.g., “Give me an idea for an image promoting the reduction of water waste”) and shows how ChatGPT generates a description.

Microsoft Designer Demo:

The teacher demonstrates how the description is turned into visual content using Microsoft Designer.

3. Creative Activity (20 minutes)

- Students log into their Microsoft accounts.
- Each student uses ChatGPT to create a short prompt for an image related to one of the following topics:
 - Reducing food waste
 - Conserving clean water

- Imagining a sustainable future for their local area (e.g., “How Drapetsona would look with proper water care and correct food consumption”)
- Students input their prompts into Microsoft Designer to generate four image options.
- They choose their favorite image and email it to the teacher (Appendix – Images A).

4. **Presentation and Reflection (5-10 minutes)**

- The teacher presents a selection of student-created images.
- Class discussion on how the images promote sustainability.

Reflection Questions:

- “How do you think AI can help protect the environment?”
- “What other uses of AI can you imagine?”

Assessment

Evaluate student participation and image submissions based on:

- Effective use of AI tools (ChatGPT and Microsoft Designer)
- Relevance of the image to sustainability themes
- Creativity and personal engagement with the topic

Extensions:

- Display the student-generated images on the classroom wall or school website.
- Encourage students to create a short slogan or campaign message to accompany their image.
- As a follow-up homework task, students research another way AI contributes to solving environmental problems.

Enrichment:

This activity integrates **artificial intelligence with creative expression**, blending **STEAM education** and **digital creativity**. It aligns with **SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption)** and **SDG 13 (Climate Action)**.

Teachers can scaffold learning by modeling prompt engineering techniques—how to write effective, ethical, and imaginative prompts for AI.

Students also practice **visual literacy**, interpreting and creating images that communicate sustainability values.

Pedagogical focus: Constructivist learning and creative inquiry.

Differentiation: Students with limited digital access can sketch or design manually while discussing AI's conceptual process.

Lesson Plan 3: AI and Imagery for a Greener World!

Grade: Fifth Grade (11 years old)

Subject: Visual Arts

Topic: Creating AI-Generated Images for Sustainability (Water & Food)

Duration: 45 minutes

Objective:

Students will explore the potential of Artificial Intelligence to promote sustainability. They will transform AI-generated images into animated 3D scenes and compose a short digital story that communicates an environmental message. The activity fosters creativity, ecological awareness, and collaboration through the use of emerging technologies.

Materials

AI & Tech Tools:

- ChatGPT (via teacher's account)
- Immersity AI for creating 3D animated scenes
- Canva Video Editor or Clipchamp for video editing
- Computers or tablets with internet access
- Projector / classroom screen for presentation

Activities

1. Introduction & Recap (5 minutes)

The teacher reminds students what Artificial Intelligence is, connecting the topic to their previous lesson.

Class discussion: "What do you think we can do with the images we created using AI?"

Objective of the lesson: Transform AI-generated images into animated 3D scenes and use them to tell a story.

2. Tool Demonstration – Getting to Know Immersity AI (5 minutes)

The teacher gives a step-by-step demonstration showing how to turn a static image into a 3D animated scene using Immersity AI.

E.g.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ExR96rRSsnXvteNtutBHXAXbsUyyyHLI/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ExR96rRSsnXvteNtutBHXAXbsUyyyHLI/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1brtcII5tExoITeJRbQx4b2MktNsxilci/view?usp=sharing>

(Appendix – Images B).

3. Creative Activity: Image Transformation & Story Composition (25 minutes)

Students work in pairs or small groups to:

- Select one of the AI-generated images from a previous lesson.
- Upload the image to Immersity AI and customize it (camera movement, lighting, atmosphere, etc.).
- Download their animated 3D scene.
- Collaboratively plan a short story that connects their scenes.
- With teacher support, use video editing software (e.g., Canva Video Editor) to combine clips into a single short video.

4. Presentation & Discussion (5-10 minutes)

The class watches the completed digital stories.

Group discussion:

- “What is the message of our story?”
- “What did we learn about AI and how it can support sustainability?”

Assessment

Evaluate student work based on:

- Effective use of AI and digital tools
- Creativity and storytelling in the final video
- Team collaboration and communication
- Clarity of ecological message

Extensions:

Students can add voice-overs or dialogues to enhance the digital story.

Alternatively, they may adapt their story into a printed comic version.

Completed projects can be presented at a school event or shared in a digital exhibition.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Understand the creative applications of Artificial Intelligence.
- Convert static images into dynamic narratives using 3D and video tools.
- Collaborate toward a shared multimedia goal.
- Increase their ecological awareness related to water, food, and sustainability.

Enrichment:

This lesson applies **project-based learning (PBL)** principles, engaging students in collaborative digital storytelling that merges technology and environmental literacy.

It nurtures **multimodal communication skills**—combining visuals, narration, and digital effects—and promotes **critical media literacy** by discussing how AI-generated content can shape public perception.

Educators can integrate reflective journaling: *“How does technology help us see environmental problems differently?”*

Connections to **Bloom’s Taxonomy**: Create, Evaluate, and Analyze levels.

Inclusivity tip: provide roles (designer, storyteller, editor) to accommodate diverse strengths and ensure equitable participation.

Lesson Plan 4: Creating AI Avatars for Sustainability

Grade: Fifth Grade

Subject: Visual Arts

Topic: Creating Human-like AI Avatars for Sustainability (Water & Food)

Duration: 45 minutes

Objective:

Students will explore how artificial intelligence can be used to create human-like avatars that promote environmental sustainability. By using AI tools to develop characters and integrate voice dialogue, students enhance their digital literacy, creativity, and ecological awareness.

Materials

AI & Tech Tools:

- Computers or tablets with internet access
- Interactive whiteboard
- ChatGPT (via teacher's account)
- CapCut or similar video editing software
- Pre-existing AI-generated images

Activities

1. Introduction (10 minutes)

The teacher explains the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and gives examples of its everyday uses (e.g., digital assistants, smart devices, image generation).

Class discussion: Why is sustainability important, especially regarding water and food?
Introduction to ChatGPT as a tool for creating characters and generating dialogue.

2. Creating AI Avatars (15 minutes)

Students begin working on their digital avatars:

- Each student selects a theme (water or food) for their avatar.
- The teacher uses ChatGPT to generate two different human-like avatars based on student ideas.
- The class chooses their favorite avatar collaboratively.
- The selected image is transferred to CapCut and transformed into a digital avatar using animation tools (Appendix – Images E).

3. Creating Dialogue for the Avatar (15 minutes)

- The teacher prompts ChatGPT to generate a short dialogue in English for the avatar to speak to the students.
- Students read, evaluate, and collaboratively revise the text.
- If needed, a new version is generated.
- The final dialogue is recorded or synthesized into CapCut, completing the animated avatar with a voice.

E.g.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O5cVVCIYXZ1FkfP_31gKMDoMBEUTcoJq/view?usp=sharing

4. Presentation & Reflection (5 minutes)

- Avatars are presented to the class via projector or screen.
- Group discussion:
 - “How did you feel creating avatars with AI?”
 - “How can artificial intelligence promote sustainability?”

Assessment

Evaluate student work and participation based on:

- Engagement and collaboration during avatar creation.
- Creativity in selecting themes and revising dialogue.
- Understanding of the role of AI in supporting environmental awareness.
- Basic familiarity with multimedia tools like CapCut.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Understand the functionality of AI tools such as ChatGPT.
- Collaborate creatively with AI to develop digital characters.
- Link digital creation to sustainability themes (water and food).
- Practice multimedia editing using video tools.

Enrichment:

This lesson combines **digital storytelling**, **AI literacy**, and **ethical awareness**, encouraging students to reflect on the role of technology in environmental communication. It reinforces **UNESCO's Digital Competence Framework for Educators (DigCompEdu)** by promoting creative production and responsible technology use.

Pedagogically, it applies **constructivist and socio-emotional learning (SEL)** approaches—students not only build digital skills but empathize with environmental issues through character creation.

Teachers can extend the task by prompting students to **design dialogue in multiple languages**, enhancing both digital and linguistic competence.

Cross-curricular integration: ICT, Visual Arts, Environmental Education, English Language.
Reflection prompt for teachers: How do AI avatars humanize complex global issues like food and water insecurity for younger learners?

Lesson Plan 5: Creating Comics with Artificial Intelligence (Story Board AI)

Grade: 6th Grade

Subject: Visual Arts

Topic: Creating Comics (Continuation of the introductory lesson)

Duration: 1.5 lesson hours (60 minutes)

Objective:

Students will learn how to use AI tools to create comic scripts and generate images for sustainability topics, specifically focusing on water and food. They will deepen their understanding of environmental issues through creative activities while developing skills in digital storytelling and AI tools.

Materials

AI & Tech Tools:

- Computers or tablets with internet access
- ChatGPT (via teacher's account)
- Access to the Story Board AI platform
- Active accounts for each student or student group

Activities

1. Introduction (10 minutes)

The teacher explains the process of creating a comic using artificial intelligence (AI).

The theme for the comic is introduced: *Water or Food as sustainability topics*.

Example stories presented:

- “The Adventure of a Water Droplet”
- “How We Saved Food from Waste”

Recap of using ChatGPT as a content creation tool.

2. Creating the Script (15 minutes)

The teacher guides the students to input a question into ChatGPT to generate a comic script.

Example question: "Create a short comic script where a water droplet travels through the water cycle."

Students read the suggestions and choose the script they like best.

Modifications are made to the script if necessary to keep it concise and clear.

3. Creating Images in Story Board AI (20 minutes)

Students access the Story Board AI platform and input the script they have created.

They choose a comic style and let the platform generate the images.

Students analyze the resulting images (10 images across 4 pages).

They check if the images align with the script and convey the intended message.

4. Presentation & Discussion (5-10 minutes)

Groups present the comic they created to the class.

Follow-up discussion with questions such as:

- "How does your comic promote the protection of water or food?"
- "What other stories can you imagine about sustainability topics?"

Assessment

Evaluate student work based on:

- The creativity and relevance of the comic script.
- The quality and alignment of generated images with the script.
- Participation in the presentation and discussion.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Understand how AI tools can be used to create narrative content.
- Enhance their creativity and imagination through collaborative work with AI.
- Deepen their understanding of sustainability topics through art and digital storytelling.

Enrichment:

This lesson integrates **arts-based learning (ABL)** with **AI literacy**, fostering digital creativity and environmental ethics. It reinforces **media literacy** and supports **constructivist, inquiry-based learning**, as students create meaning through multimodal texts.

Educators can expand the task by incorporating **comic analysis**—students critique how visuals and narratives convey sustainability messages.

Assessment for Learning (AfL) techniques such as peer feedback or rubrics emphasizing creativity, accuracy, and sustainability understanding can deepen engagement.

Inclusivity strategy: Provide pre-generated scripts for learners who need language support, ensuring accessibility.

Cross-curricular connections: Visual Arts, English Language, ICT, Environmental Science.

Lesson Plan 6: Water Conservation

Class: First Grade (6–7 years old)

Subject: Environmental Studies

Topic: Water Conservation

Duration: 1 Teaching Hour (40–45 minutes)

Learning Objectives

- To understand the importance of water in our lives.
- To realize that water is not an infinite resource.
- To learn simple ways to avoid wasting water.
- To develop a responsible attitude towards water use.

Materials

- Images & Cards – Pictures of running taps, watering plants, rain, water in nature, etc.
- Role-Playing Games – For example, children play the roles of “Water Guardians” and discuss what they can do to save water.
- Drawing & Crafts – Worksheets where children design ways to save water.
- Experimental Activities – A bowl of water and a glass to demonstrate how much water is lost if a tap is left open.
- Videos & Songs – Short animations or songs about the value of water and how to conserve it.

- Books & Stories – Stories that teach the importance of water and how we can protect it.
- Signs & Stickers – Signs for the bathroom and kitchen reminding children to turn off the tap.
- Quizzes & Board Games – Games with questions about water (e.g., “What can you do to avoid wasting water?”).

Activities

A. Introduction (10 minutes) – “The Magical Journey of Water”

The teacher asks:

- “Where do we use water in our daily lives?”
- “What would happen if we didn’t have water?”

Display images showing everyday uses of water and ask children how we use it correctly or incorrectly.

B. Main Section (20 minutes)

- **Small Experiment (5 minutes):** Fill a glass with water and slowly pour it into a bowl. Ask: “How much water would be wasted if we leave the tap running?”
- **Role-Playing Game – The Water Guardians (10 minutes):** Children play roles (e.g., one child leaves the tap running, another tells them to close it). They learn correct practices through play.
- **Creative Activity – Drawing the Solution! (5 minutes):** Children design ways to save water (e.g., closed taps, using a watering can).

C. Closure – Feedback (10 minutes)

Discuss:

- “What did we learn today about water?”
- “How can we save water at home?”

Create a poster with the slogan: “Turn off the tap – Save Water!”

D. Gamified Activity – “Water Heroes on a Mission!” (5-10 minutes)

- Divide into teams and play a question-based water-saving game where correct answers “save” water in a container.

Evaluation

Children list at least three ways to save water.

Participate in role-playing and drawing activities.

Demonstrate understanding through answers in quizzes and activities.

Enrichment:

This early-years lesson applies **experiential learning and play-based pedagogy**, vital for children's cognitive and moral development. It aligns with **SDG 6 (Clean Water)** and **SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption)**.

Teachers can enhance inclusion by using **visual supports** and **multisensory strategies** (songs, gestures, real objects) to support diverse learners.

Pedagogical focus: Values education, empathy building, and environmental stewardship.

Cross-curricular links: Science (natural resources), Language (oral discussion), and Art (creative expression).

Teacher reflection prompt: How can I model water-saving behavior to reinforce environmental values beyond the classroom?

Lesson Plan 7: Food Waste and Creative Recycling

Class: Second Grade (7 years old)

Subject: Environmental Studies

Topic: Food Waste & Recycling

Duration: 2 Teaching Hours (80–90 minutes)

Lesson Objectives

- To understand what food waste is.
- To learn ways of reusing and recycling food waste.
- To develop critical thinking and collaboration through interactive activities.

Teaching Methods

- **Constructivist Approach:** Active student participation, exploration, and discovery through activities.
- **Group Collaboration:** Group discussion for idea exchange and project creation.

Activity Descriptions (Appendix – Table 1)

1. **Introduction with Storytelling (15 minutes)**

Activity: Using the story “*The Leaf and the Magical Food Waste*,” students will be introduced to the topic in an enjoyable way.

Goal: Introducing the concept of recycling in an engaging, narrative-driven format.

2. **Compost Creation (20 minutes)**

Activity: Students participate in a composting experiment, collecting food scraps and putting them in a compost bin. They observe and discuss results.

Goal: Building connections and understanding through practical, hands-on application.

3. **Artistic Activity (25 minutes)**

Activity: Using food scraps, students create simple art projects, encouraging creativity and adaptability.

Goal: Applying recycling knowledge through creative expression.

4. **Group Discussion (10 minutes)**

Activity: Students evaluate and suggest improvements for reducing food waste at school.

Goal: Encourage reflective thinking and practical problem-solving.

5. **Musical Activity (15 minutes)**

Activity: Students learn a song based on the story, reinforcing their understanding through rhythm and memory.

Goal: Reinforce learning through music and movement.

Expected Outcomes

- Students develop awareness about recycling and reusing food waste.
- Collaboration and expressive skills are strengthened.

Evaluation

- Observation of student participation in activities.
- Reflection and discussion-based assessment.

- Use of **Kahoot** (interactive quiz) to test understanding.
- Using Kahoot (<https://create.kahoot.it/details/e2429571-f562-4d37-b175-81c7239aff65>), students test their knowledge.

Enrichment:

This lesson demonstrates **interdisciplinary environmental education**, merging science, art, and music for holistic learning. It supports **SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)** and introduces systems thinking at an early age.

Pedagogically, it employs **experiential learning** and **embodied cognition**, where hands-on experiences reinforce abstract environmental concepts.

Teacher tip: Invite local environmental experts or parents to share home composting practices, bridging classroom and community.

Inclusivity focus: Allow for tactile and visual learning modes (using textures, colors, and songs) to engage diverse learners.

Extension: Create a digital “Recycling Heroes” journal where each child documents actions they take at home to reduce food waste.

Lesson Plan 8: Sustainability of Food for Second Grade Students

Grade: 2nd Grade

Subject: Environmental Studies

Topic: Sustainability of Food

Duration: 1 Lesson Hour (40–45 minutes)

Learning Objectives

- To allow students to express their own views on sustainability.
- To develop critical thinking, collaboration, and personal responsibility.
- To foster curiosity regarding sustainable practices.

Tools & Materials

- Food cards (pictures and stories related to sustainability).
- Images of food and environmental scenarios.
- Posters & drawing materials for the final project.

- Quiz for reflection and assessment.

Teaching Process

1. Introduction & Discussion (10 minutes)

Engage students with questions like:

- “What does sustainable development mean?”
- “Which foods are more sustainable and why?”

Purpose: To encourage self-reflection and activate prior knowledge.

2. Exploration: Fairy Tale and Visual Cues (15 minutes)

Activity:

Read the fairy tale “*The Magical Garden of Nature*” aloud to the class.

Examine food cards with pictures and stories, discussing their sustainability.

Students can illustrate or role-play the story.

Purpose: Link storytelling with environmental ethics.

3. Deep Understanding: Card Game (15 minutes)

Activity:

Students categorize food cards based on sustainability, explaining their reasoning.

Purpose: Reinforce critical thinking and Collaborative justification.

4. Application: Poster Creation (15 minutes)

Activity:

In groups, students create posters promoting sustainable food practices.

Purpose: Transform learning into advocacy and artistic expression.

5. Reflection & Feedback (10 minutes)

Activity:

Class discussion:

- “What did we learn today about sustainability?”
- “How can we apply sustainable practices at home?”

A short quiz follows for assessment.

Expected Outcomes

- Students gain a deeper understanding of food sustainability.
- They recognize the importance of sustainability in daily life.

Conclusion

This lesson follows constructivist principles, encouraging students to take an active role in their learning process through creative, hands-on, and reflective activities.

Enrichment:

This module aligns with **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** and **SDG 13 (Climate Action)**, linking local habits with global consequences.

It fosters **moral reasoning and ecological citizenship**, helping children see their personal impact on global sustainability.

Differentiation strategy: Offer sentence frames or visual aids for students who need language support when explaining their card choices.

Pedagogical enhancement: Incorporate formative “think-pair-share” moments after each task to deepen discussion.

Cross-curricular connections: Art (poster design), Literacy (storytelling and reflection), and Social Studies (citizenship).

Lesson Plan 9: Understanding the Water Cycle and the Need for Its Conservation

Grade: 5th Grade

Subject: Geography

Topic: The Water Cycle and Its Conservation

Duration: 90 minutes (2 teaching hours)

Objective:

Students will understand the water cycle and the importance of conserving it by creating a concept map.

Tools**AI Tools:**

- ChatGPT or similar AI tools for answering questions and generating solutions.
- Google Earth and other mapping tools.
- Gamma for creating presentations and concept maps.

Audiovisual Tools:

Videos, maps, and presentations on the water cycle.

Teaching Process

1st Teaching Hour: The Water Cycle

- **Introduction (10')**
Show a short video or use images about the water cycle.
Facilitate a guided discussion: "What happens when water heats up? Where does the water we drink come from?"
- **Main Part (30')**
Group drawing activity: Students sketch the water cycle, labeling processes (evaporation, condensation, precipitation, collection).
Groups present and refine their diagrams collaboratively.
- **Recap (5')**
Discuss the importance of water in everyday life.

2nd Teaching Hour: Water Conservation & Concept Map

- **Introduction (5')**
Pose the challenge: "What can we do to avoid wasting water?"
Brainstorm ideas and record them on the board.
- **Main Part (30')**
Students create a digital concept map using Gamma or paper charts, organizing ideas around:
 1. Sources of water
 2. Uses of water
 3. Problems & threats
 4. Ways of conservation
- **Presentation & Discussion (10')**
Groups present their concept maps, followed by reflection on personal and collective actions for water conservation.

Assessment

Evaluate based on:

- Understanding of the topic (water cycle and conservation).
- Creativity and practicality of solutions.
- Collaboration and participation.

Extensions:

Students can participate in awareness campaigns or explore NGO initiatives on water scarcity (e.g., UNICEF, UN Water).

Enrichment:

This lesson exemplifies **STEAM-integrated environmental education**, combining science, technology, and ethical citizenship. It fosters **systems thinking**—understanding interconnections between natural and human processes.

The integration of AI tools like ChatGPT and Gamma develops **data visualization** and **critical digital competence** (DigCompEdu area 5: empowering learners).

Teacher reflection: How do digital tools enhance comprehension of natural cycles and resource management?

Cross-curricular links: Geography (natural processes), ICT (concept mapping), and Civic Education (resource ethics).

Inclusivity: Support visual learners with icons and color-coded diagrams; encourage peer mentoring for tech-shy students.

APPENDIX (Enriched Overview)**Pedagogical Alignment Summary:**

All nine lesson plans embody a **spiral curriculum** that builds progressively from foundational awareness (Grades 1–2) to applied critical analysis (Grades 5–6). The teaching strategies collectively align with:

- **Constructivist and Inquiry-Based Learning** models.
- **UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED).**
- **European DigCompEdu Framework** for digital competence in education.
- **Bloom's Taxonomy**, advancing from understanding to creation.

Assessment Enhancements:

- Use formative tools (rubrics, peer feedback, reflection journals).
- Integrate **digital portfolios** where students showcase AI projects, comics, and posters.
- Encourage reflective “exit tickets” after lessons to measure self-assessed learning outcomes.

Inclusivity Principles (UDL):

- Offer multiple representations of content (text, image, audio).
- Provide varied means of engagement (storytelling, art, games, AI).
- Allow flexible modes of expression (drawing, speaking, digital creation).

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- Google Earth and other mapping tools.
- Gamma for creating presentations and concept maps.

2.

Audiovisual tools for understanding the water cycle such as videos, maps, and presentations.

Teaching Process

1st Teaching Hour: The Water Cycle

- Introduction (10')
 - o Show a short video or use images about the water cycle.
 - o Discussion with questions (e.g., What happens when water heats up? Where does the water we drink come from?).
- Main Part (30')
 - o Drawing activity: Students in groups draw the water cycle.
 - o Presentation by each group and completion of any missing elements.
- Recap (5')
 - o Discussion about the importance of water in our lives.

2nd Teaching Hour: Water Conservation & Concept Map

- Introduction (5')

- o Challenge question: "What can we do to avoid wasting water?"
- o Brainstorming and recording ideas on the board.
- Main Part (30')
 - o Students create a concept map with the following themes:
 1. Sources of water
 2. Uses of water
 3. Problems & threats
 4. Ways of conservation
 - o Use of digital AI tools (ChatGPT, Gamma).
- Presentation & Discussion (10')
 - o Presentation of the concept map.
 - o Discussion about their own contribution to water conservation.

Assessment

- Evaluation of the group slides based on:
 - o Understanding of the topic (water cycle and conservation).
 - o Creativity and practicality of solutions.
 - o Collaboration and participation during activities.

Extensions

- Encourage students to participate in awareness groups related to water conservation.
- Assign projects to explore solutions that global organizations can take to address water scarcity.

APPENDIX

Table 1.

Activity Table

Activity Title	Activity Description	Activity Duration	Activity Goal
Preparation & Questions	Start with questions like "What is food waste?" and "How can we reuse it?"	10 min	Engage introspection and initiate discussion through central questions.



Storytelling	Telling the story "The Leaf and the Magical Food Waste" with discussion of pictures and conceptual connections.	15 min	Introduce the concept of recycling in a fun and educational way.
Exploration and Categorization	Identify and categorize food waste through practical activity.	20 min	Create connections and understanding through exploration and hands-on application.
Creative Activity	Create a poster using creative ideas for reusing food waste.	25 min	Apply knowledge of recycling through creativity.
Reflection and Feedback	Discussion about the experience and ideas for practical application, evaluation, and feedback from student participation.	10 min	Integrate experience and enhance critical thinking and analysis.

"The Leaf and the Magical Food Waste"

Once upon a time, in the magical city of Chromatohora, where everything was made of colors of the rainbow, lived a little plant hero named Leaf. Leaf was a curious little leaf who loved adventures and discoveries.

One sunny day, Leaf decided to visit the Color Market, where the villagers brought their fruits and vegetables. As he wandered around, he noticed many peeled skins and pits that no one paid attention to.

'What are all these things?' Leaf wondered curiously. At that moment, the wise Grandma Green, an old olive tree, appeared.

'These, my dear Leaf, are the scraps of our food,' said Grandma Green with a smile. 'But don't

underestimate them! They have magical properties. They can be reborn and offer us wonderful things.'

'Really? How can that happen?' Leaf asked excitedly.

'Some scraps can be used to make new soups and broths, like carrots and pumpkins. Others we can compost, turning them into special soil that helps our flowers and vegetables grow big and beautiful,' explained wise Grandma.

Leaf was thrilled. He decided to collect all the scraps from the market and create his own compost in his garden. With every new plant that grew, the people of Chromatohora realized how important those scraps were.

And so, thanks to Leaf and Grandma Green, Chromatohora became a place where nothing went to waste, and everything had its own magical use.

Table 2.

Activity Table

Activity Title	Activity Goal	Time
Preparation and Questions	Engage students with questions that provoke thought about food sustainability.	10 min
Fairy Tale "The Magical Garden"	Introduce the concept of sustainability in a creative and educational way.	25 min
Food Card Exploration	Build connections and promote understanding through categorization and exploration.	20 min
Card Game	Reinforce discovery, understanding, and justification through practical activity.	30 min



Poster Creation

Apply and enrich knowledge through creativity and collaboration.

30
min

Reflection and Feedback

Integrate the experience and enhance critical analysis and personal commitment.

15 min

Title: "The Magical Garden of Nature"

Story

Once upon a time, there was a small village called "Chlorovillage." The people in this village lived harmoniously with nature, always careful not to waste precious natural resources.

In the center of the village, there was a magical garden full of the most beautiful fruits and vegetables you could imagine. However, the garden had a special rule: to continue producing its amazing products, everyone had to take care of it properly and respect its seasons.

One sunny morning, little Maria, full of curiosity, decided to visit the garden with her friend, Giannis. As they walked among the flowers, they heard a soft voice. It was the Garden Gnome, the wizard who took care of the plants.

"Hello, children!" said the Gnome. "Did you know that fruits and vegetables can only grow and bloom properly when we respect the seasons?"

Maria eagerly asked, "What does that mean, Mr. Gnome?"

The Gnome smiled and replied, "Sustainability means taking only what we truly need from nature and giving back to it with care and love. It means consuming seasonal products and being careful not to waste anything unnecessarily."

Through this magical meeting, Maria and Giannis learned how important it is to respect and care for their garden for the good of everyone in the village. Over the years, the two friends continued to share this knowledge with the other villagers, keeping the magical garden alive and thriving. And everyone in Chlorovillage lived happily ever after, and we all lived better!

Moral Sustainability means consuming seasonal products and being careful not to waste anything. The children share this knowledge with others in their village, ensuring the garden thrives for everyone.

Quiz [Kahoot Quiz Link](#)

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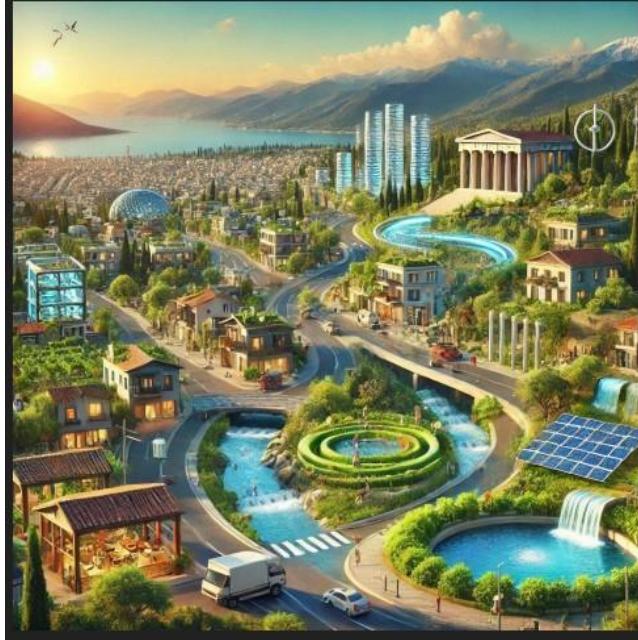


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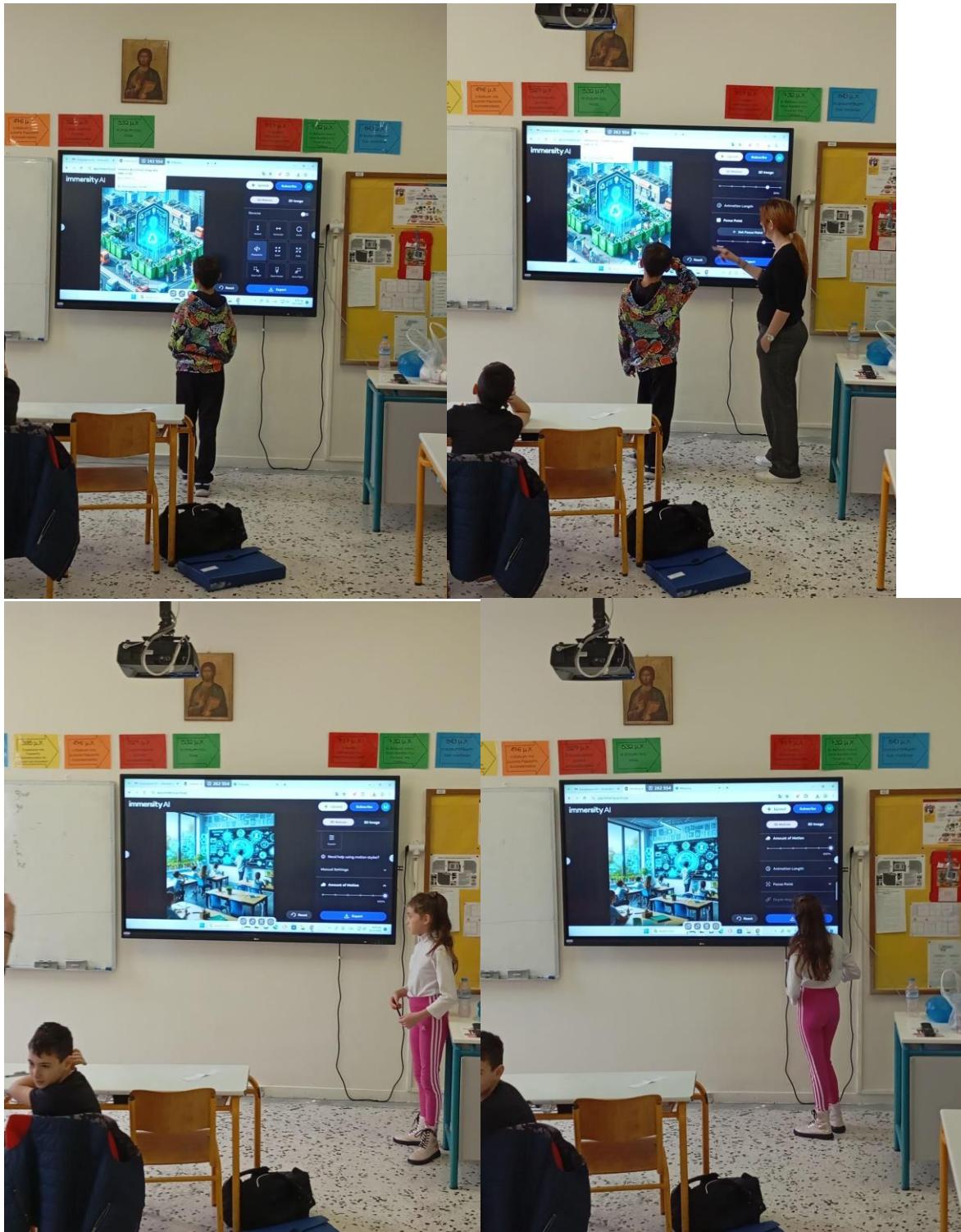


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AI AND THE SUSTAINABILITY CLUB



The classroom is filled with students gathered around a computer, animatedly discussing their project with MS. PARKER standing at the front.

MS. PARKER: Alright, everyone, settle down! Today, we're going to use our AI assistant to learn more about sustainability.



LIAM raises his hand eagerly, a look of determination on his face as he prepares to speak.

LIAM: I'll go! AI, how much water do we waste when we leave the tap running while brushing our teeth?



The AI Assistant is displayed on the computer screen, its response ready to be delivered.

AI ASSISTANT: When you leave the tap running while brushing your teeth, you can waste up to 8 liters of water each time.



SOPHIA looks surprised, her eyes wide as she processes the information.

SOPHIA: Wow, that's a lot of water! I didn't realize it could add up so quickly.



EMMA leans forward, engaged and curious, as she addresses the AI Assistant.

EMMA: AI, what can we do to reduce food waste at school?



NOAH raises his hand excitedly, his face lit up with enthusiasm as he suggests an idea.

NOAH: That sounds cool! MS. PARKER, can we organize a food-sharing day in the cafeteria?



The school grounds are bustling with students, colorful posters and compost bins visible, creating an atmosphere of excitement for Sustainability Day.



PRINCIPAL JOHNSON stands at the assembly, addressing the crowd with pride in his voice.

PRINCIPAL JOHNSON: I'm so proud of all of you for taking these important steps toward sustainability. Together, we're making a real difference!



LIAM and EMMA exchange enthusiastic glances, their excitement palpable as they celebrate their achievements.

EMMA: I never thought we'd learn so much from AI. It's like having a super-smart friend who cares about the planet as much as we do!



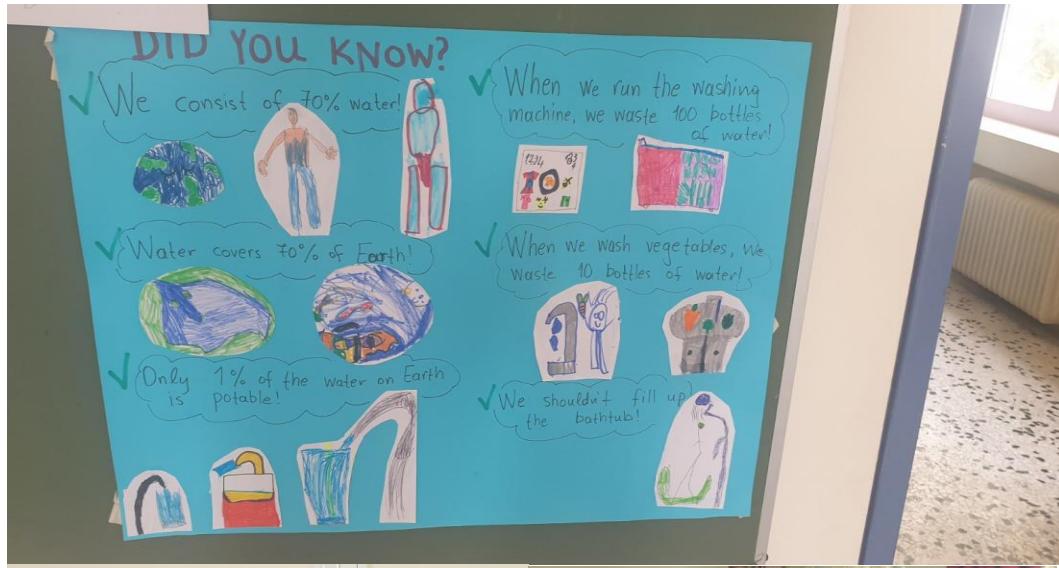
LIAM raises his hand for a high-five, surrounded by cheering students who share in the joy of their accomplishments.

LIAM: And the best part? We're not just learning—we're doing something about it!

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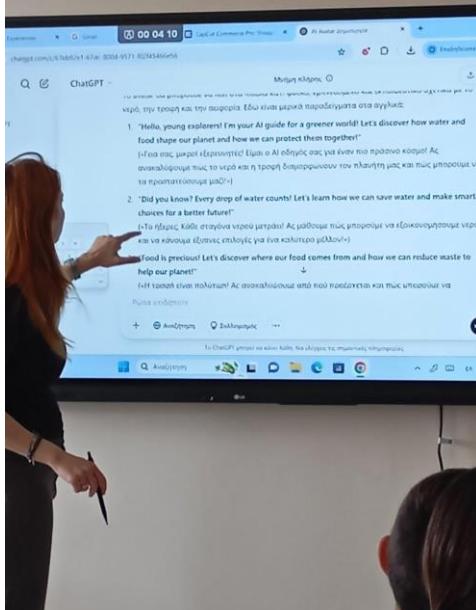


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