ONLINE TEFL TEACHER

Lesson Plan:

Saving the Ocean - A Conversation with Sir David Attenborough

Level: B2 (Upper-Intermediate)

Duration: 90 minutes

Lesson Type: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

Learning Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Understand and summarise the main ideas from a short documentary interview.
- Discuss the impact of fishing practices on the environment using appropriate vocabulary.
- Express opinions and propose solutions related to marine conservation.
- Use reported speech in discussion of the video content.

Materials

- Video clip: TRAWLING
- Corrected transcript (attached or provided separately)
- · Whiteboard or digital board
- · Handouts with vocabulary and discussion questions
- (Optional) Access to internet or dictionaries

Lesson Outline

1. Warm-up (10 minutes) - Oceans and Conservation

- Write OCEAN on the board.
- Ask students:
 - o What does the ocean mean to you?
 - o What do you know about ocean pollution or overfishing?
 - Have you seen any documentaries about the ocean?

2. Pre-Listening (10 minutes) - Vocabulary

Vocabulary Matching Activity:

Students match these terms to definitions (see worksheet):

- Bottom trawling
- Dredging
- Marine conservation
- Protected status
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Appalled
- Awareness

3. Listening/Viewing (15 minutes)

- First Viewing (General):
 - o Who is speaking?
 - o What is the main concern?
 - o What solutions are mentioned?
- Second Viewing (Detailed):
 - Use a transcript with gaps or missing phrases for a gap-fill activity.

4. Post-Listening Discussion (20 minutes)

Students discuss in pairs or groups:

- Why is Sir David Attenborough "appalled"?
- What is bottom trawling and why is it controversial?
- What role does Prince William play?
- Do documentaries lead to real change?
- Should food production take priority over environmental protection?
- What actions would you suggest?

Encourage use of reported speech, e.g.,

"Sir David said he was appalled by what we've done to the ocean floor."

5. Speaking Task (15 minutes): "Protect the Ocean" Campaign

In small groups, students design a campaign that:

- · Bans or regulates one fishing method
- · Proposes two awareness strategies
- · Suggests one law or policy change

Each group presents briefly to the class.

6. Optional Writing Task (Homework)

Write an article (150–200 words) summarising the key points from the documentary and your opinion on protecting the ocean.

Assessment

- · Participation in discussion
- Fluency and vocabulary use in speaking task
- Listening comprehension
- · Use of reported speech

Differentiation

- Provide full transcript to support less confident learners
- Ask advanced students to read an additional article or write a longer opinion piece
- Offer dictionary use for vocabulary expansion

Answer Key (for teacher use): Vocabulary Matching Activity

5. bottom trawling

1 - E, 2 - D, 3 - B, 4 - A, 5 - C, 6 - F, 7 - G

Gap-Fill Transcript Activity − Saving the Ocean

appalled
this great treasure
premiere
life support system
dredging
dredging
premiers
weighted nets
hidden
treaty
awareness

15. destroy

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