

Lesson Plan:



Saving the Ocean - A Conversation with Sir David Attenborough

Worksheet

Vocabulary Matching Activity

Match the terms with the correct definitions:

- 1. Bottom trawling
- 2. Dredging
- 3. Marine conservation
- 4. Protected status
- 5. Greenhouse gas emissions
- 6. Appalled
- 7. Awareness

- A. A legal classification to protect natural areas
- **B.** Protecting ocean life and habitats
- C. Gases contributing to climate change
- **D.** Extraction of material from sea/lake beds
- E. Fishing method dragging nets along the sea floor
- F. Feeling shocked or horrified
- G. Raising understanding about an issue



3. Listening/Viewing (15 minutes)

A. Instructions:

Watch the video and note down.

- o Who is speaking?
- o What is the main concern?

- o What solutions are mentioned?
- o Compare your answers in pairs after completing the activity.

Gap-Fill Transcript Activity − Saving the Ocean



B. Instructions:

Watch the video again and fill in the missing words using what you hear. Discuss your answers in pairs after completing the activity.

Sir David Attenborough has told the Prince of Wales he's (1) by the damage some
fishing practices are causing to the world's oceans. In an interview with Prince William, the natural
history broadcaster said he hoped more action could be taken to prevent the destruction of what he
called (2) They were speaking ahead of a UN conference in Nice that will confront the
deepening ocean emergency.
Justin Rowlatt reports.
Prince William: When you put it on you take it off David
Sir David was speaking to Prince William last month at the (3) of his new documentary Ocean.
"The ocean is our planet's (4) Yet it's at a crossroads."
The film contains vivid new images of the impact of (5) and (6)
The two fishing methods involve boats dragging (7) across the sea floor.
"The awful thing is that it's (8) from you and from me and from most people."
"The thing which I am appalled by, when I first saw the shots we were taking for this film, is what we have done to the (9) It's just unspeakably awful. I mean, if you did anything remotely like it on land, everybody would be up in arms."
More than a third of the seas around the UK have protected status.
But (10) of those protected areas allow bottom trawling or dredging to take place.
The fishing industry says conservation needs to be balanced against the requirement to (11)
"You can't have any form of food production without some kind of impact. Actually, producing food from our seas is far more (12) in terms of greenhouse gas emissions than producing food from the land."
The UN hopes leaders at the conference in France will agree a (13) that dramatically increases the protection given to the ocean.
Sir David hopes his new documentary will increase public support for action.
"If it just shifts public (14) , it will be very, very important. And I can only hope that people who see it will recognise that something must be done before we (15) this great treasure."

Discussion





Discussion Questions

- 1. Why is Sir David Attenborough "appalled" in the video?
- 2. What is bottom trawling and why is it controversial?
- 3. What role does Prince William play in the documentary?
- 4. Do you think documentaries can create real change? Why or why not?
- 5. Should food production always take priority over environmental protection?
- 6. What would you suggest to protect the ocean?
- 7. Create a short campaign idea:
 - o What would it be called?
 - o What actions would it include?
 - o How would you raise awareness?

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

