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Using the climate crisis

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- Reasons why it's useful
- Learning outcomes
- Critical thinking and literacies
- Classroom approaches



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Why is the climate crisis useful?

Learners as
social agents
(CEFR CV 2020)

Interconnection
of different
issues and
events

Education for
global change
and sustainable
living

The impacts
on humans of
climate change

UN sustainable
development
goals

Global voices
and personal
responsibility





Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, learners will have ...

practised communicating information and developing their ideas about [topic focus]

Why bother?

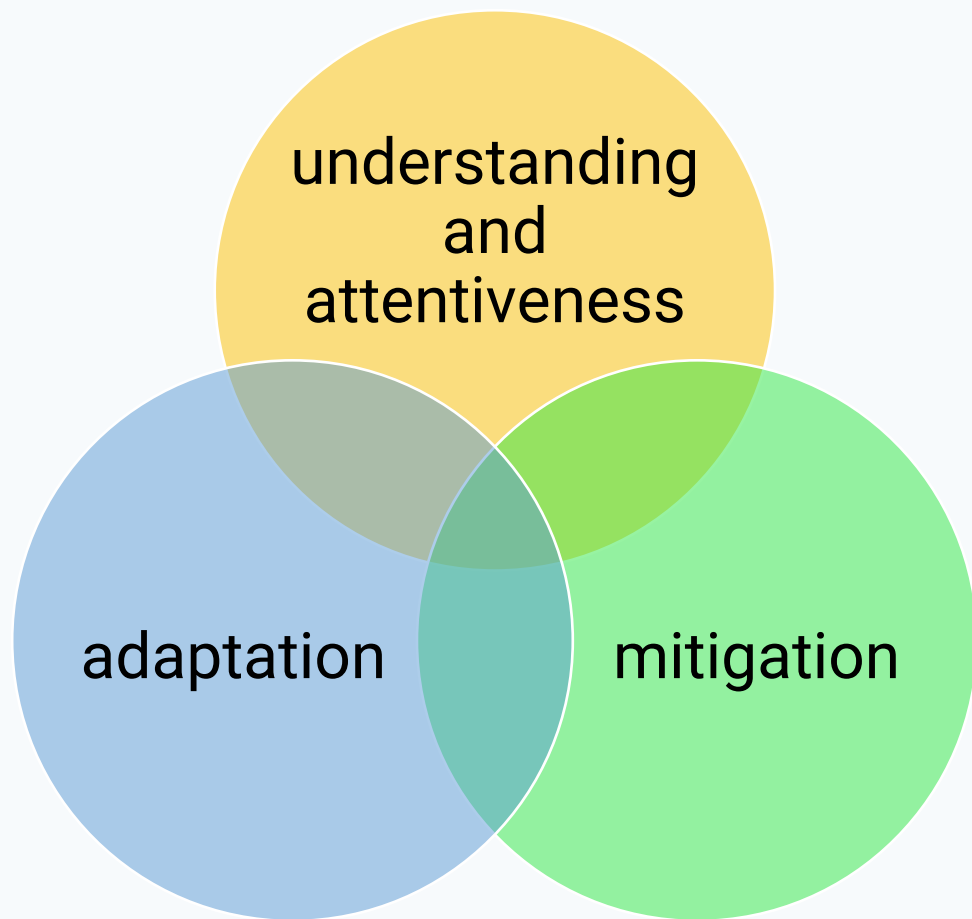
Learners are “social agents, acting in the social world and exerting agency in the learning process.” (CEFR CV, 2020, p22)



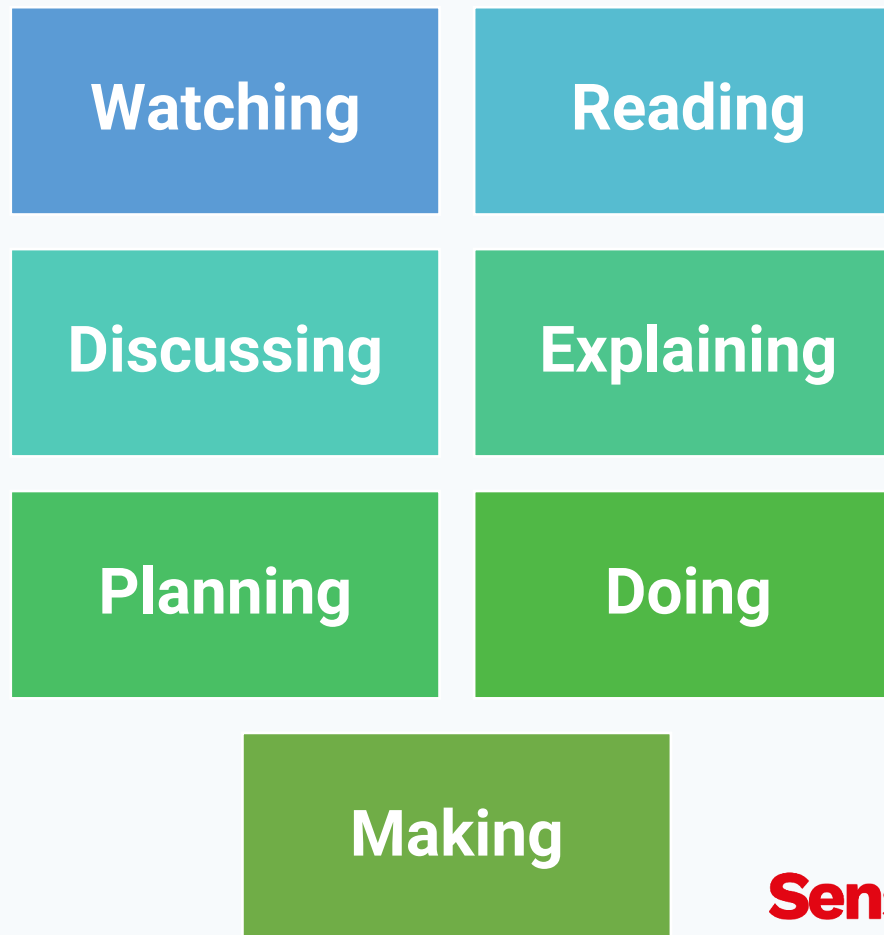


Climate change education

UNESCO Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development 3 capacities



How to build these capacities?

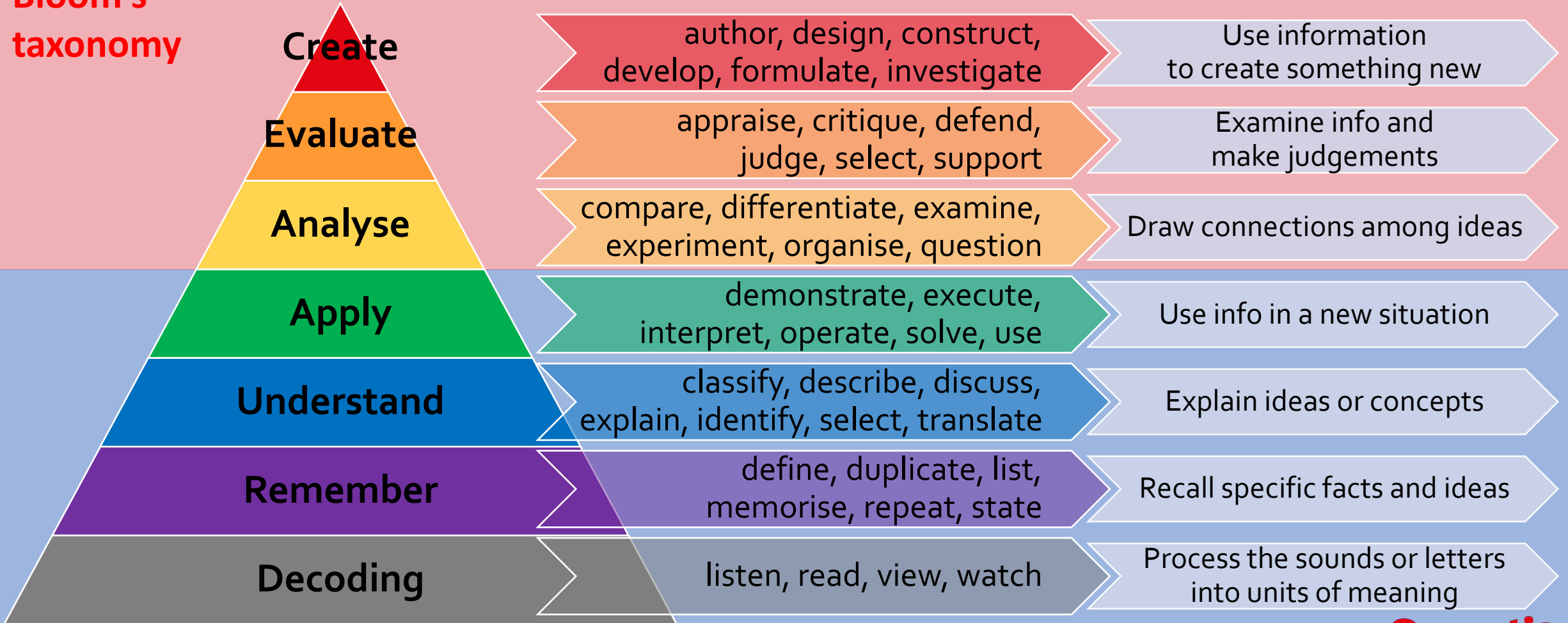




Focus on critical thinking

**Bloom's
taxonomy**

Higher order thinking skills (HOTS)



Lower order thinking skills (LOTS)



Literacies for ecological education

Climate literacies

understanding of your influence on climate and climate's influence on you and society

travel

housing

energy

shopping

Sustainability literacies

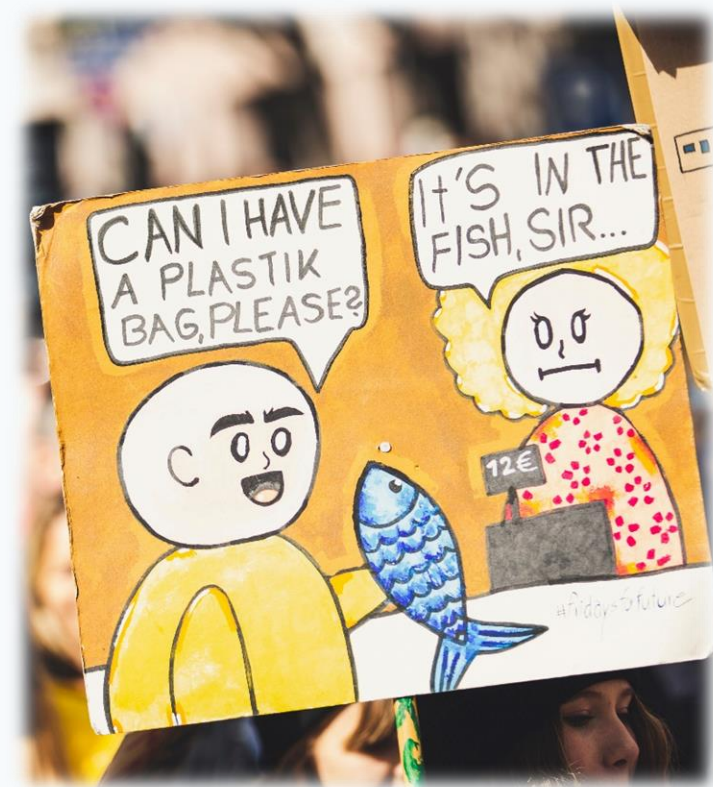
knowledge

skills

mindsets

commitment

to build a sustainable future through informed and effective decisions. (United Nations, 2017)



Helping learners adapt to an uncertain future



Familiar teaching approaches

Social action = involve learners' voices

- Cooperative learning
- Task supported language teaching (TSLT)
- Task based language teaching (TBLT)
- Project work
- Presentations
- Mediation tasks
- Translingual/transcultural practices
- Text Analysis Task Exploration (TATE)
- Case studies?





Dealing with deniers

- Understanding resistance
- Emphasising validity

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Meeting resistance

In the staffroom/classroom

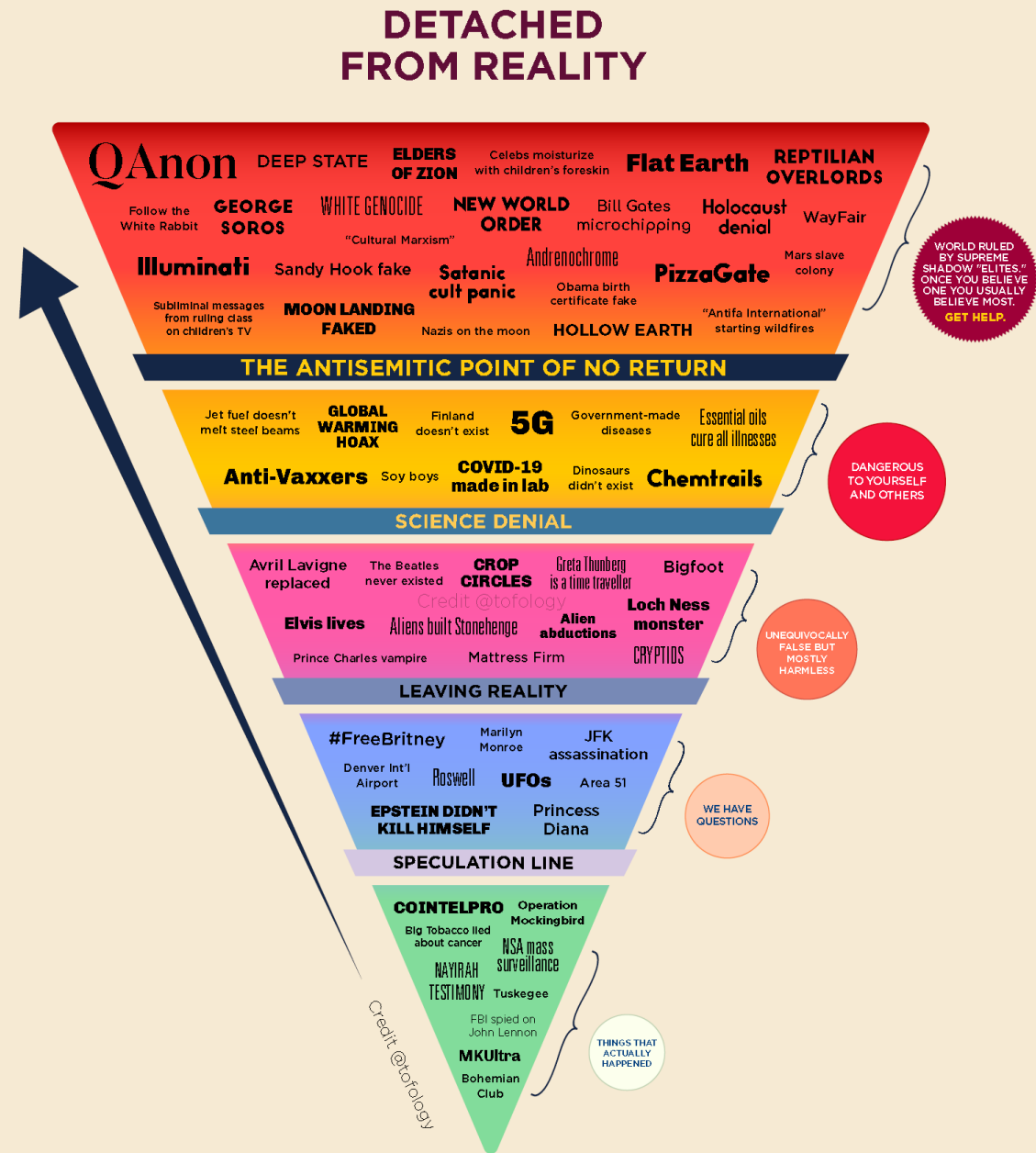
Fear

Ignorance

Social media

Fallen into the conspiracy chart

The Conspiracy Chart, Abbie Richards @tofology



GROUNDED IN REALITY



Emphasising validity

- Family relationships
- Financial anxiety
- Social anxiety
- Climate anxiety

Part of our
everyday
lives

Affects all
of us

Want to
reject the
solutions?





Focusing on sustainability

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- Enriching engagement
- Integration and disruption
- Balancing different interests
- Using stories



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Enriching engagement

Teaching sustainability encourages further work which develops ideas and research which mobilises cultural values to affect transformative change. (Bartosch, 2021)

It helps to develop informed decision makers able to build a more sustainable self and society which slows ecological decline.

(Shepardson, Roychoudhury and Hirsch, 2017; Stibbe and Luna, 2014)





Integration and disruption

A part of the substance of our lives – “entangled and cultured”

An integrating dynamism – draws together a variety of ideas

Climate

A challenge to our assumptions and approaches

A presentation of uncomfortable realities and painful solutions





Balancing different interests

- Negotiating different interests
- Recognising the choices available
- Making changes to our daily lives

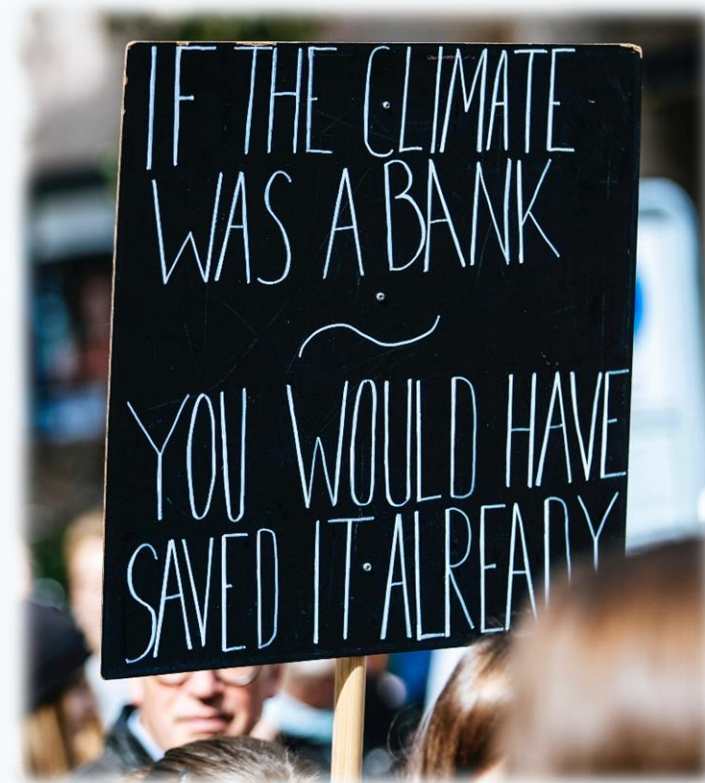




Using stories

Stories and narratives ...

- Bring home the realities of situations
- Offer human perspectives on situations
- Create a dialogue between language, literature and culture
- Encourage reflection and empathy
- Give spaces for a variety of different voices





Accessing climate voices

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- Diversity and inclusion
- Near-peer agency
- Hope and encouragement



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Diversity and inclusion

Global content with global voices

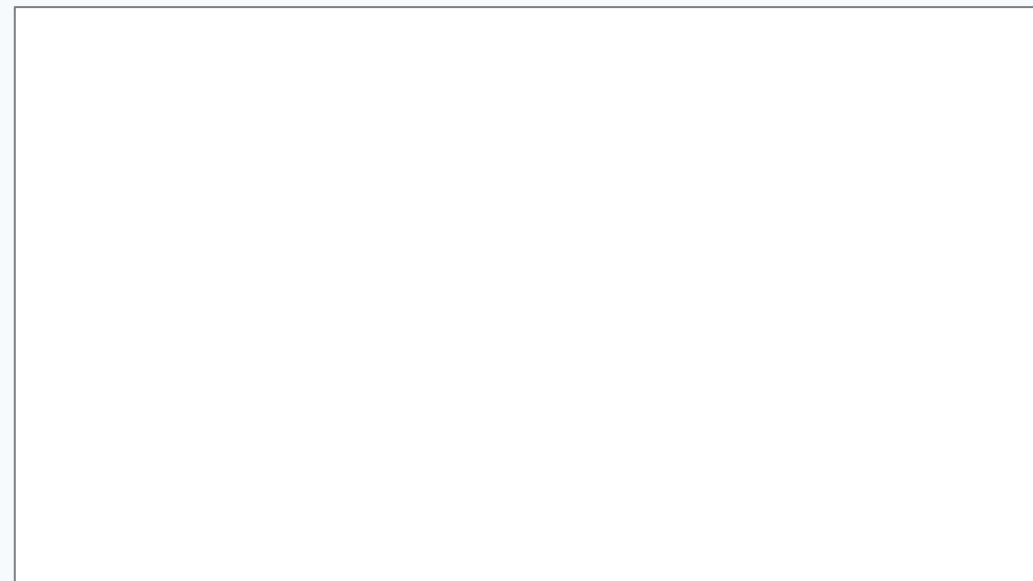
Human perspectives

Personal stories

Individual action

Collective impact

Empowering voices





Near-peer learning

Have shared characteristics

Proof of what's possible

Ideal L2 self

Autonomy

Motivating

Imagined communities

(Dornyei, 2009)





Hope and encouragement

“Climate change isn’t a zero sum game. ... As long as there are still people around, we still have something to fight for.”

(Abbie Richards, 2021)

- Combatting climate doom
- Combatting potential climate anxiety
- Combatting the “It’s too late” philosophy
- Developing positive voices, ideas, social agents
- Engaging in serious, productive fun





Empowering learners

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- Practical strategies
- Solutions to triggers



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Practical strategies

Information

- Intersectional lesson content

Education

- Scaffolding social agent development

Resilience

- Supporting learners through issues

Optimism

- Evidencing a can-do outlook

Connection with nature

- Making activities nature-based

Proactive

- Embodying learner choice and agency

Realism

- Guiding learners to find balance in their choices

De-escalating

- Emphasising long term thinking





Resource overview

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- COP26 resources
- Using resources at different levels
- Additional functions



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COP26 lesson resources padlet

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Day 1 - Mon 1 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 2 - Tue 2 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 3 - Wed 3 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 4 - Thu 4 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 5 - Fri 5 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 6 - Mon 8 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 7 - Tue 9 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 8 - Wed 10 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 9 - Thu 11 Nov. Lesson resources	Day 10 - Fri 12 Nov. Lesson resources
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Lesson resources overview

All accessible when you register for a free trial.

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- No payment card is requested.

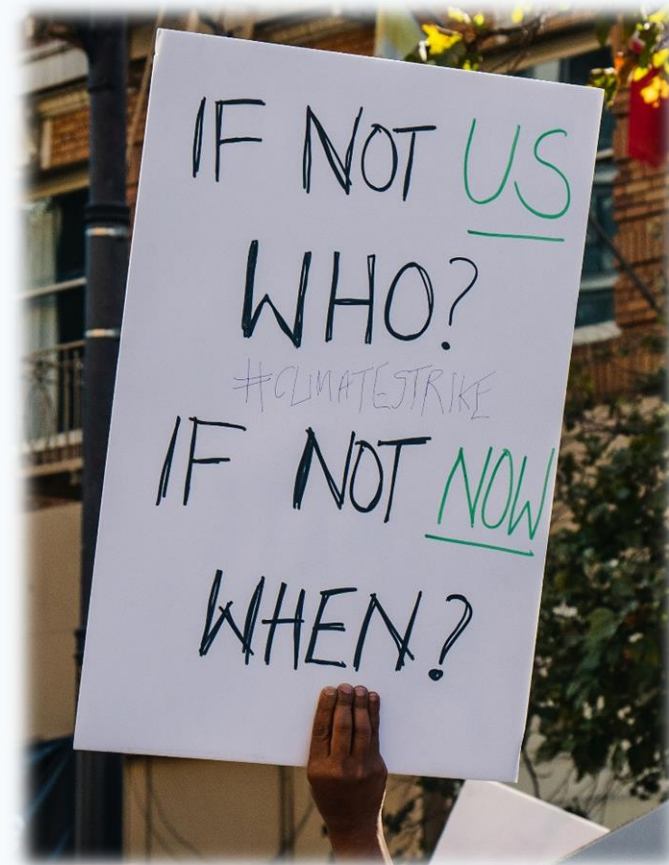
Resources are grouped by COP daily theme.

Every day 2 or 3 resources have full lesson plans.

Further lesson resources are suggested.

You can adapt to fit your students.

Learners can sign up too.





Using resources at different levels

Everything is at 5 levels
(A2, B1, B1+, B2 and C1)

Graded inclusion of grammar,
pronunciation, vocabulary and speech

In-built differentiation for teaching and
learners

Scaffolding for learner independence

Supportive glossing of ungraded
interview voices



Oh yes, it is!



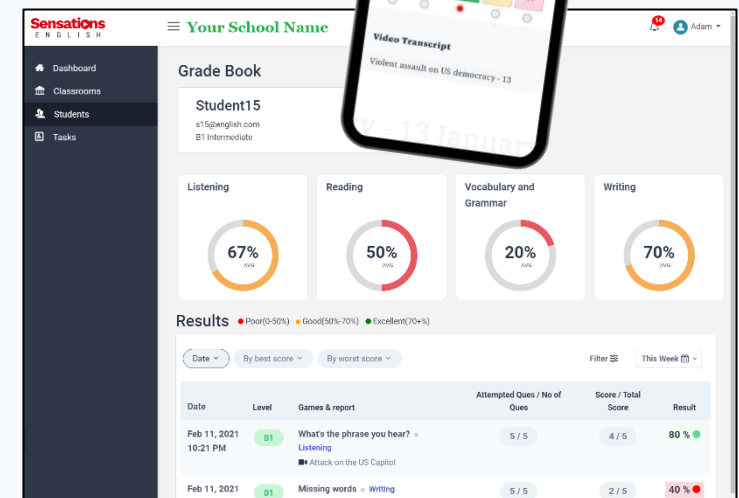
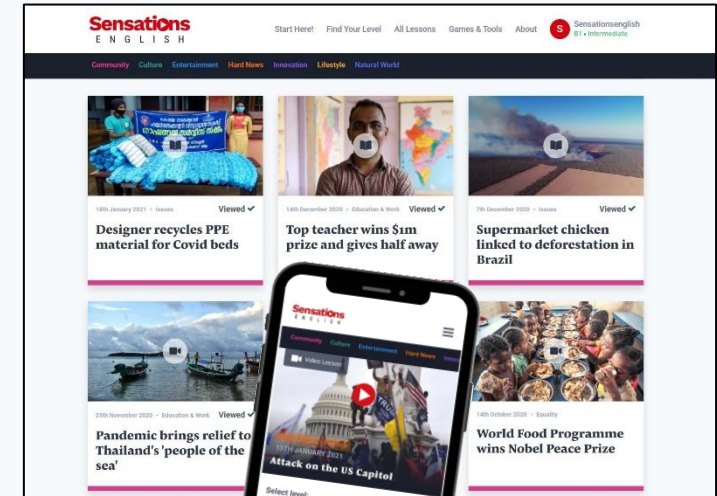
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As well as 5-level, multimedia video and article lessons ...

- ready-made learning activities for each resource
- accessible and hassle-free video
- 3 new, 5 level resources every week

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- logins for all your students
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Conclusions

- Remember the CEFR: **learners as social agents**
- Explore climate goals
- Integrate sustainable living
- Use empowering teaching approaches
- Use global voices
- Teach resilience





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