

Boxing Day disaster

Class: Middle school/high school

Level: Upper-intermediate.

Time : 45 minutes

Aims:

- To learn about natural disasters
- To learn about tsunamis
- To learn vocabulary connected with tsunami, natural disasters
- To learn about causes of tsunamis, its characteristics and what to do in emergency
- To read with understanding
- To read for specific information
- To look for specific information on the internet
- To watch a film and listen for specific information
- To transfer the information.
- To use web pages

CLIL: geography

Materials : included photocopies, access to the internet and personal computer, speakers.

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	CLASSROOM LANGUAGE	TIME	MATERIALS
Introduction	To start the lesson	Check the register /check homework		1 min/ 6 min	
Warm –up activity	To provide students with introduction to the topic	Ask the students about natural disasters, get the names, write them on the board	What are natural disasters ? Can you name a few?	5 min	
The main part of the lesson	To introduce the subject of tsunamis	Brainstorming as a class- ask the students what they know about tsunamis. Ask the students to work in pairs and write down the questions they would like to find the answers to.	What do you know about tsunamis? Have you seen any films that depicted that natural disaster? What would you like to know? In pairs write down three questions you would like to find the answers to.	5 min	Worksheet 1 Internet
	To learn about tsunami, to gather information	Ask the students to work individually, tell the students to read the text and underline any vocabulary they do not understand. Allow plenty of time for reading comprehension.	Explain any word that might be difficult to understand	10 min	
	To learn about 2004 tsunami	Ask the students if they heard about 2004 Boxing day tsunami- if not give them background information	On 26 December 2011 a tsunami hit the coast of Thailand. Watch a fragment of a film "Impossible" about that natural disaster:	10 min	

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			http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4oWUFH19Fs		
	To learn about 2011 tsunami	Ask the students if they heard about 2011 Japanese tsunami- if not give them background information	On 11 March 2011 a tsunami hit the coast of Japan, go online and read about the disaster: http://www.dogonews.com/2011/3/12/japan-suffers-triple-whammy-earthquake-tsunami-and-aftershocks .	10 min	
Wrap- up	To learn how to behave in case of a tsunami	To set homework	Ask the students to read and then write down in points what to do in case of a tsunami	5 min	

Sources:

<http://www.windows2universe.org/earth/tsunami1.html>

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