



CLIL Lesson Plan Teacher:

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Subjects involved: Physics: Mechanical Waves Grade: 3rd grade

Time: 3 lessons of 45 minutes

Unit or topic: Excitation of Mechanical Waves and Types of Mechanical Waves

Learning Outcomes

By the end of these lessons learners will be able to:

- Understand what is necessary for the excitation of a mechanical wave
- Describe what is a mechanical wave
- Understand the factors that determine the speed (velocity) of the wave
- Identify the three (basic) types of mechanical waves

Assessment

Teacher, peer- and self-assessment processes will be used to access how well learners will:

- participate in class
- answer the questions of the worksheets
- fill in an evaluation test to evaluate the procedure
- volunteer for extra presentations/optional projects on related topics

Content	Content Cognition	
 Introducing the topic "Mechanical Wave" 	Provide learners with opportunities to use	
Excitation of mechanical waves	scientific procedure to study and describe simple	
Which physical quantity is transmitted	physical phenomena.	





through the mechanical waves (Energy and disturbance)

- Types of Mechanical Waves (Basic types)
- Implementation on known phenomena like the transmission of sound waves and seismic waves.

Provide learners with opportunities to understand the scientific approach of known quantities and phenomena.

Provide learners with opportunities to understand the connection between known phenomena and physical quantities.

Culture

- The students can realize that simple phenomena, like the transmission of the sound waves and the seismic waves are mechanical waves.
- The sense of hearing depends on the propagation of the sound waves.
- Earthquakes: seismic waves provide details and characteristics of the layered interior.

Communications			
Language OF learning	Language FOR learning	Language THROUGH learning	
Mechanical waves	Asking questions:	Learn new words used for the	
Propagation of a wave	Can you tell us?	description of the subject and	
Energy	What is transmitted by the wavy	the given vocabulary.	
transportation	motion?		
transmission		Learn the use of known words	
excitation		for scientific expression.	
vibrating source	Suggesting:		
flow	Can you draw a wave?	Learn expressions related with	
continuous medium		the certain chapter of the	
loose ≠ tight		subject.	
molecules	Ask for descriptions:		
particles	What did you see at this		





disturb	simulation?		
demonstration			
longitudinal or compressional	Comparing:		
waves	What differences did you see?		
transverse or shear waves			
displacement	Concluding		
parallel	Short phrases describing what		
perpendicular	we learn		
solid			
liquid			
gas			
surface waves			
Earthquake			
Procedures			

[one week before the CLIL project realization]

The teacher gives a list of words (vocabulary) necessary for this CLIL lesson.

1St teaching hour

- The teacher orally mentions the subject of the lesson
- The teacher hands out the 1st worksheet and ask for the first activity (to draw a simple picture related with word "wave")
- The students watch the simulation https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/wave-on-a-string
- The simulation allows to change the critical parameters of the wave to understand their affection.
- Discussion about the questions of the worksheet
- The students watch again the simulation (if they ask for it) and fill in the work sheet.
- Homework: to study the concluding paragraph, so they could express the new meanings they've learnt.



2nd teaching hour

watch the simulations

http://photodentro.edu.gr/v/item/ds/8521/1666

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or use of the "wave springs" (from the Science lab) to present shear waves and compressional waves.

- Discuss about the differences of those types of waves and description of them
 while they fill in the corresponding questions of the worksheet.
- Description of the surface waves and the reason they are complicated waves.
- A brief worksheet, with a few questions, could evaluate the procedure

3rd teaching hour

 Presentations about sound waves and earthquakes can take place, through projects done by the students.

Aids and materials

- Related vocabulary
- 2 Worksheets (1 for each teaching hour)
- Computer, projector, screen and internet connection.
- Equipment from the Science lab (like water tank or wave springs).
- Evaluation worksheet

Scaffolding Strategies

- Select a group of students with sufficient knowledge of the foreign language.
- Give the vocabulary to the students one week before the arranged class.





- Select words that are known to the students, not very scientific.
- Speak loud and clear.
- Ask short questions or questions like multiple choice or true/false.
- Use of simulations to give the pictures of the descriptions.
- Short conclusion at the end of each worksheet.

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