

Unit 2 Essential Question:

How can I make a difference in the environment?

Performance Indicator 1:

I can categorize local environmental issues by their impact on the planet

Proficiency Target:

Strong Intermediate Mid

Performance Assessments:

 Interpretive Reading- Students will read an article about a different environmental issue affecting a town in Massachusetts and answer some interpretive questions.

Authentic Resources:

- Video from Telemundo of local environmental problem
 - Bottled water article
 - Infographics on different environmental issues

Targeted Structures:

- Review of preterite to say what happened in certain events
- Subjunctive with wishes/wanting (espero que, quiero que, prefiero que, ojalá que)
 - Review subjunctive in impersonal expressions

Learning Target 1	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can categorize environmental problems based on who/what they affect <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will read a series of headlines from newspapers talking about environmental problems and will sort those headlines into categories based on who/what they are affecting. Then, students will write a few short sentences talking about what the article likely mentions.	
Learning Target 2	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can respond to questions about a local environmental issue	Students will watch a video on an environmental problem affecting a	
Interpretive	local community. They will answer true/false questions on the video. Then, students will use subjunctive sentence starters to express their opinion on the issue.	
Learning Target 3	true/false questions on the video. Then, students will use subjunctive sentence starters to	Language Chunks & Vocabulary



an environmental issue in my community Interpersonal	personality and will have a discussion about different environmental issues in the community. They will speak about the topic for 2-3 minutes before changing topics.	
Learning Target 4	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can identify the pros and cons of having bottled water <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will read an article on a local community that is planning to ban bottled water. Students will read and identify the reasons to ban water and then fill out a graphic organizer discussing the pros and cons.	
Learning Target 5	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can debate whether or not to ban bottled water in Wellesley Interpersonal	Students will have a mini debate with a group to discuss whether or not Wellesley should ban bottled water.	
Learning Target 6	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can summarize information on environmental problems facing my community <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will each read a different infographic and identify the main problems being discussed. Then they will share with their group mates and fill out a graphic organizer. This will be a tiered reading task.	
Learning Target 7	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can express my opinion about an environmental issue affecting my community <i>Presentational</i>	Students will complete a Tiered Writing Task where they choose an environmental issue and give a brief history of it and express their	

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How can I make a difference in the environment?

Performance Indicator 2:

I can express my opinion about environmental challenges that face the environment today and in the future

Proficiency Target:

Strong Intermediate Mid

Performance Assessments:

 Interpersonal Speaking Assessment- The town of Wellesley is contemplating a few new laws to help save the environment. With a group of 3-4 students you will discuss the different options and express your opinion as to whether Wellesley should or should not adopt these new laws (laws will include plastic straws, water bottles, plastic bags)

Authentic Resources:

- Article- 10 Biggest Problems Facing The Environment
 - Article on Straws

Targeted Structures:

- Review of subjunctive with wishing/wanting and impersonal expressions
- Subjunctive with emotions, recommendations (me gusta que, me molesta que, tengo miedo de que, me alegro de que, estoy contento/triste que, recomiendo que, aconsejo que)

Learning Target 1	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can match pictures of environmental problems to their descriptions <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will view several pictures of environmental problems facing the planet and will match the descriptions to the pictures. They will then use sentence starters to express their opinions about each of these issues.	
Learning Target 2	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can sequence environmental problems that face the planet Interpretive	Students will watch a short video on the history of environmental problems and put those events in order on a timeline. They will then use sentence starters to express their opinions about these events	
Learning Target 3	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can summarize the biggest issues facing the planet	Students will read an article on the top 10 problems facing the planet	



Interpretive	and write a 1 sentence summary for each section of the article.	
Learning Target 4	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can express my opinion on some of the biggest issues facing the planet <i>Presentational</i>	Students will choose their top 3 problems and write a short paragraph explaining what the problem is, why it is a problem and their opinion on the problem.	
Learning Target 5	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can justify which problem is the most crucial <i>Interpersonal</i>	Students will list the top 8 problems facing the environment and play Bracketology to determine which one is the most crucial to solve immediately. Then, students will write a summary of their thoughts.	
Learning Target 6	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can identify environmental struggles in local communities Interpretive	Students will read several excerpts from newspaper articles talking about environmental problems and will identify what the problem is and who it is affecting. Then they will use sentence starters to express their opinions on the issues.	
Learning Target 7	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can determine what a local community did to help reduce plastic straws <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will read an article talking about eliminating plastic straws and answer questions. Then they will work with their partner to fill	
	out a graphic organizer explaining the pros and cons of having plastic straws.	
Learning Target 8	out a graphic organizer explaining the pros and cons of having plastic	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
Learning Target 8 I can argue in favor or against the use of plastic straws in restaurants Interpersonal	out a graphic organizer explaining the pros and cons of having plastic straws.	Language Chunks & Vocabulary



I can indicate what local communities did with plastic bags Interpretive	Students will watch a video about different communities getting rid of plastic bags and fill out a graphic organizer.	
Learning Target 10	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can express my opinion about the use of plastic bags Interpersonal	Students will write a post on Google Classroom talking about their opinion on the use of plastic bags. Then, students will read other posts and respond while responding to their own post and questions.	

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Unit 2 Essential Question:	Performance Indicator 3:	Proficiency Target: Strong Intermediate Mid
How can I make a difference in the	I can describe the potential impact of	
environment?	solutions to help save the environment	

Performance Assessments:

 Presentational Writing- Your friend wants to go green and is contemplating various options to help improve their impact on the environment. Choose one of their options that they've mentioned and explain why you think that is the best idea and explain the impact that they will have on the environment. (Options: Tiny House, Composting, Solar Energy)

Authentic Resources:

- Video Of Women in Nicaragua Saving Environment
 - Videos on Inventions To Save Oceans
 - Video On Mini Casas
 - Article On Mini Casas

Targeted Structures:

- Review subjunctive in wishing/wanting/emotions/recommendations/impersonal expressions
 - Subjunctive with doubt (dudo que, no creo que, no pienso que, es dudoso que)
 - Subjunctive with para que, antes de que

Learning Target 1	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can match environmental problems to their potential	Students will receive a written solution and a picture of a problem	



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solutions Interpretive	and match the problems to the solutions. Then they will brainstorm other solutions to those same problems.	
Learning Target 2	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can determine how women in Nicaragua are saving the environment Interpretive	Students will watch a video on how women in Nicaragua are saving the environment and answer questions about their plan. Then, students will turn and talk and think about other creative solutions that exist.	
Learning Target 3	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can express my opinion about the work the women are doing in Nicaragua <i>Presentational</i>	Students will complete a Tiered Writing Task to talk about what the women are doing, how it is helping and what their opinion on the situation is.	
Learning Target 4	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can summarize different options to save the environment Interpretive	Students will be assigned different ways to save the environment and will each have an infographic and a video to watch. They will fill out a graphic organizer to summarize their ideas (solar panels, composting, using public transport, controlling water usage)	
Learning Target 5	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can present information about different options to save the	Students will present the information from their assigned	
environment Presentational	infographic/video to their group members. Group members will record the information as well as ask questions and react.	
environment Presentational Learning Target 6	infographic/video to their group members. Group members will record the information as well as	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
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	already do this. Prior to this, the teacher will show model paragraphs and the students will grade the work on the presentational rubric.	
Learning Target 7	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can create an invention to help with an environmental problem Interpersonal / Presentational	Students will think of another invention to help save the environment and create a poster with a drawing and written explanation of the invention. They will then present it to other groups and the other groups will vote on the best invention (this is a good Friday or day before vacation activity)	
Learning Target 8	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can state different reasons for living in a Tiny House <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will read an article on Tiny Houses and keep track of the benefits of living in one of these houses. Students will then use sentence starters to express their opinions about Tiny Houses.	
Learning Target 9	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can describe the different features of a Tiny House Interpretive / Presentational	Students will watch a video of someone showing their Tiny House and will check off descriptive words to describe the house. Then, students will do a creative writing assignment where	
	they describe their ideal Tiny House.	
Learning Target 10	1	Language Chunks & Vocabulary

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Performance Indicator 4:

I can create awareness to the changes happening in the environment

Proficiency Target:

Strong Intermediate Mid

Performance Assessments:

Presentational Speaking Assessment- The Wellesley Recycling Committee has asked you
for help promote saving the environment. You choose a topic and create a Public Service
Announcement for the Spanish speaking community about a topic you find pressing.

Authentic Resources:

Article on Environmental Protests

Targeted Structures:

- Subjunctive in noun clauses
 - Introduce Future Tense

Learning Target 1	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can isolate reasons why someone would protest for the environment <i>Interpretive</i>	Students will read an article explaining the reasons behind environmental protests and isolate the reasons. Then they will research other environmental protests that happened recently and write quick summaries of what they protested and why.	
Learning Target 2	Check For Understanding	Language Chunks & Vocabulary
I can create an action plan to help protest for an environmental cause Presentational	Students will choose an environmental issue and create a PSA to help protest for that cause (see Assessment)	

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