

Life here and there: What is different?

Method

School level

Recommended for 11th/12th grade

Reference to subjects

• English, computer science/multimedia/EDP, communication/project work/social learning, civic education, economics, religion/ ethics

Teaching phase

· Securing results

Level of complexity

Complex

Concern

- Show the variety of life situations
- · Note and accompany food consumption in different family structures

Knowledge and skills

- The students can describe and analyze the pictures presented.
- The students can record their own weekly food consumption and interpret the weekly food consumption and food costs of a selected person/family on a picture.

Duration

- Introduction approximately 20-40 min.
- Own work/research over one week and follow-up activities as homework.
- Presentations starting after 60 min.

Resources

- PC and beamer
- Also possible: world map
- For the students: camera or mobile phone for taking pictures

Preparation

- Ensure internet access and open the link mentioned below.
- Also possible: Provide family structures and write them on the board.

Procedure

- The teacher presents the students pictures of families around the world showing their food consumption for one week.
- These are available at: www.menzelphoto. com/portfolio/G0000s3jj73.5TSs
- Families and their number of family members and the food they buy for a week are shown. There are also short texts and information.



Picture: Screenshot of the website www.menzelphoto.com/portfolio/G0000s3jj73.5TSs (2024-07-10)

- Selected images are briefly discussed and considered with the students:
 - ⇒ How many people eat the food shown?
 - ⇒ What is eaten a lot/a little?
 - ⇒ What are the differences between your families?
- The teacher lets the students think/guess:
 - ⇒ Where, do you think, lives the family?
 - ⇒ Where is this country exactly? (Also possible: Look for the country on a large world map).
 - ⇒ What do you know about this country?
 - ⇒ What peculiarities of the people's diet can you see in the picture?





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- The students get together in small groups of 2-3 people.
- Together they think about which of the family structures (mentioned below) they can think of from their personal environment and assign them:
 - ⇒ single person living alone
 - ⇒ single parent with one child
 - ⇒ childless couple
 - ⇒ couple with one child
 - ⇒ couple with two children

<u>Variation:</u> Work out the family structures together with the students:

- ⇒ Which family structures do you know?
- ⇒ Which family structures can you find in your family, among relatives, or in the neighborhood etc.?
- Together, each group should now re-enact a situation like the one in the pictures.
- Then, the students think about who they
 would like to ask from the people/families
 mentioned above. They contact people who
 are willing to take pictures of all the groceries for a week (It is also possible to just keep
 or collect the receipts and let the students
 take pictures of the groceries afterward).
- The goal is to create a photo similar to the one on the website. At the agreed time, the family situations and the pictures are presented.

Variations:

- ⇒ Instead of pictures, collages can be created.
- ⇒ Students who have families, relatives, or friends in other countries should contact them. By doing so, the chances are higher that a more colorful and diverse class picture will emerge.

Ideas for further work

- Deepening the knowledge about the mentioned countries (possibly in combination with the subject geography). Research the countries in more detail (size, location, geographical characteristics, standard of living etc.).
- Include the respective costs of living:
 - ⇒ How much money does the family spend on food per week?
 - ⇒ How much per month?
 - ⇒ What % of the total monthly budget?
 - ⇒ Are there special criteria for food purchases? What does the family pay attention to?

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