

## **Health Literacy: What is Good Health? Lesson Plan**

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Lesson Background	NRS Levels
	Low Beginning ESL

#### **Recommendations for Direct Instruction**

This lesson offers direct instruction for CCR standards SL1 and L6. There are also opportunities to practice all standards listed. The lesson will work for low level ESL learners, but because there is no actual text to refer to, it is suggested that instructors include a text that would work for their learners.

Project Title	Approximate Instruction Time	
What is Good Health?	2 hours	

#### **Instructional Objectives**

(written in teacher language primarily derived from content standards and includes evidence of mastery):

By the end of this project, students will be able to:

- Identify several healthy activities and less healthy activities.
- Talk about ways to stay healthy as well as barriers to good health, using key phrases to clarify meaning and to extend polite conversation.
- Write (as time and proficiency allow) about healthy activities.
- Begin thinking about healthy living in terms of categories (nutrition, lifestyle, health care, etc.).

### **Learning Target Statements**

(written in student-friendly language and helps learners reflect on what they are able to do as a result of the project) for learners' exit tickets, learning logs, or reflection:

- I can talk about healthy and unhealthy activities with my classmates.
- I can name something that's good to do "in moderation."
- I can name categories of health.
- I can write about my healthy activities.
- I can find trustworthy health information on the internet.

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ELA/Mathematics/ELP Standard(s) Addressed:	<ul> <li>College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards:         <ul> <li>W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</li> <li>SL1: Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</li> <li>L6: Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Central Skills Taught:	<ul> <li>□ Adaptability and Willingness to Learn</li> <li>☑ Communication</li> <li>☑ Critical Thinking</li> <li>☑ Interpersonal Skills</li> <li>□ Navigating Systems</li> <li>☑ Problem Solving</li> <li>□ Processing and Analyzing Information</li> <li>☑ Respecting Differences and Diversity</li> <li>☑ Self-awareness</li> </ul>

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Language Demands:	Clarification phrases such as these:
(Include academic language, language skills, etc.)	<ul> <li>I'm sorry, could you say that again?</li> <li>I didn't understand.</li> <li>Could you repeat that?</li> </ul> Conversational phrases such as these:
	<ul> <li>Oh, that's interesting.</li> <li>Is there anything else you'd like to add?</li> <li>Thank you for talking to me.</li> </ul>
	Vocabulary related to healthy activities, including academic words such as <i>moderation</i> , category, and habit.

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Assessing Mastery of the	Proof of Learning:
Objective(s) and Central Skills:	☑ Via observation of a team task (e.g., discussion, work on project)
(Indicate <u>when</u> and <u>how</u>	□ Via team self-assessment
assessment – formative	□ Via individual self-assessment
and/or summative - will occur during the project.	□ Via team product
occur during the project.	□ Via individual product
	☑ Other (Please list): Mingle grid, writing sample
	Proof of Learning Tools:
	□ Rubric
	□ Checklist
	□ Quiz
	☑ Other (Please list): Mingle grid, writing sample
	Ongoing Formative Assessment
	□ Nonverbal responses to comprehension questions (e.g., answer cards, Kahoot!)
	□ Peer-to-peer quizzing
	⊠ Exit/admit tickets
	□ KWL charts
	☑ Other (Please list): Mingle grid, writing sample

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Adaptations and/or Accommodations:  (How will you increase access to the content of the project? Identify differentiation strategies.)	Students with lower levels of language/print literacy: Continue to use pictures of activities to help these students generate health-related vocabulary. Maintain a student-created word bank of health-related vocabulary and display the word bank in the classroom or on a "health wall" in a common area. Refer to it often.  To provide more challenge: Have the students write more complex sentences or a paragraph about what they do to stay healthy. They can add pictures to their final drafts and display them on a "health wall" in a common area.

Procedure	Description	Central Skills	Materials
Introduction: How will you introduce	Ask the class: What does it mean to be healthy? Write the word <i>healthy</i> on the board.	<ul><li>Communication</li><li>Critical Thinking</li></ul>	<ul><li>Large photographs</li></ul>
the lesson objective and how it fits into the unit/LOI? Identify its relevance to learners'	Elicit conversation around healthy activities (e.g., walking, eating vegetables, drinking water, sleeping, exercise). Use large color photos of healthy activities to help the students remember/learn this health-		of healthy and unhealthy activities
needs and goals.  Timing: 20 minutes	related vocabulary. Write these words on large cards as they are identified by the students and show how the word labels the photo to form a match (photo of people walking and <i>WALKING</i> written on a card).		<ul> <li>Cards for making vocabulary matches</li> </ul>
	Show a number of photos of less healthy activities (e.g., smoking, eating junk food, drinking a lot of alcohol, watching TV, being angry or stressed) as well and elicit what is happening in each photo. With		<ul> <li>White board and markers for instructor</li> </ul>
	student input, create labels on cards for these activities as well.		<ul> <li>Pencil and paper for each</li> </ul>
	Talk about the word <i>moderation</i> . Explain that it means "a little but not too much." Connect the idea of moderation to eating fast food, drinking alcohol, eating sweets, etc. Ask the students what else should		student

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	be done in "moderation"? Elicit ideas around moderation, such as "It's ok to have dessert or to get angry sometimes, but doing those things all the time can be hard on your body."  Introduce the unit by saying, "Today and for many classes, we will be learning about how we can stay healthy. It can be difficult to stay healthy when there are so many unhealthy things to eat, so little time for exercise, and life is so stressful! We'll talk about this problem together: 'How can I stay healthy, and how can I help keep my family healthy?""		
Explanation and Modeling:  What type of direct instruction do learners need? Are there ways for learners to access the new content independently? What types of models will you provide and when?  Timing: 30 minutes	Conduct a number of interactive vocabulary tasks to practice the health-related words introduced in the previous section. Examples include the following:  • Pass out the photos and ask the students to demonstrate comprehension nonverbally: "Show me 'drinking water;' show me 'Go to an exercise class;' show me 'Visit the doctor."  • Pass out the word cards to one half of the room and photos to the other, then have the two groups match words and photos by mingling. Say the vocabulary words to the class and ask whether they do this activity. (Do you exercise? Do you sleep enough? Do you drink alcohol in moderation?)  • Use Total Physical Response to practice the new vocabulary (a student must act out one of the words until the class guesses it). Have the students ask each other a follow-up question when they guess the word. "Eat too many sweets!" "Lola, do you	<ul> <li>Communication</li> <li>Self-awareness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Large photographs of healthy and unhealthy activities</li> <li>Cards for making vocabulary matching terms</li> </ul>

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	sometimes eat too many sweets, or do you eat sweets in moderation?"		
	Toss a bean bag to a student and ask a question like, "Ahmed, do you eat vegetables every day?" The student answers and then passes the bean bag to another student and asks another question, and so on.		
	Continue to practice oral language and vocabulary recognition and continually ask the students (and have them ask each other) if/how they take part in the activities used during the various vocabulary tasks. Keep the conversation going by asking, "Do you exercise?  How often?" "How much do you sleep?" "Where do you walk?"		
	NOTE: Frequently model the use of phrases such as these:  Oh, that's interesting.  Is there anything else you'd like to add? What else?		
	<ul><li>Sorry, I didn't catch that; can you say it again?</li><li>I didn't understand.</li></ul>		
	Thank you for sharing!  Description:		
	Post the photos and cards on a wall for a reference.		

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Guided Practice:  Which tasks and learning activities will you use to engage learners with the content and skills? How will	Show a simple mingle grid (Appendix A) with these questions and space for three or four people to fill in the following information:  • Name	<ul><li>Communication</li><li>Interpersonal Skills</li></ul>	Mingle grid     (Appendix A)
you structure the tasks or other learning activities to support learners' success?	<ul> <li>How do you stay healthy?</li> <li>What is difficult for you about staying healthy?</li> </ul>		
Timing: 20 minutes	Model filling this in via a projector or on the board (e.g., "I do yoga," "I really like cake!" etc.).  Now, pass out copies of the empty grid and have the		
	students fill out the first line about themselves. Circulate to check the students' understanding.		
	In preparation for the mingle, generate and practice together common phrases that might be needed:		
	<ul> <li>I'm sorry, could you say that again?</li> <li>I didn't understand.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Can you repeat that?</li> <li>Oh, that's interesting.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Is there anything else you'd like to add?</li> <li>Thank you for talking to me.</li> </ul>		
	Write these clarification and interpersonal skills phrases on a poster or board for safekeeping.		
	Model how the mingle will go with a student or volunteer two to three times.		
	Practice asking the questions for the mingle once more, focusing on pronunciation.		

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Application/Extended Practice:  What will learners do to demonstrate their acquisition of content knowledge, basic skills, and key soft skills?  Timing: 30 minutes	The students now mingle, and each student asks three or four other students these questions, writing down their answers. Circulate and assist the students as needed, listening for common responses.  As the students conclude the mingle activity, write the word health on the board in a circle or bubble. Tell the students you are going to make a "concept map" of their responses. Elicit some of the common responses to the mingle questions. As students tell you, add bubbles for categories such as nutrition, lifestyle, health care, and environment.	<ul> <li>Communication</li> <li>Critical Thinking</li> <li>Interpersonal Skills</li> <li>Respecting Differences and Diversity</li> </ul>	Mingle grid     (Appendix A)
	Tell the students these are the health categories that are going to be discussed in the coming days and weeks! Have the students repeat the names of the categories to a partner and remember what each means.		
	<ul> <li>Nutrition means the food we eat.</li> <li>Lifestyle means the choices we make (like smoking, exercise).</li> </ul>		
	Health care means doctors and medicine.  Environment means the physical parts of our community (like water, parks, and air).		
Student Reflection on Learning Targets, Closure, and Connection to Future Learning	Extended learning with writing: If time allows or if the students would like to continue at home, have them write a sentence (or a few sentences) about how they stay healthy. Prompts might include these:  • What is easy for you to do to stay healthy?	<ul><li>Communication</li><li>Problem Solving</li></ul>	
Timing: 20 minutes			

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	What is difficult?		
	What do you worry about?		
	What are you proud of?		
	Closing: For each of the following questions, have each student give an answer to you or a volunteer upon leaving the room or write it on an exit ticket (depending on time and literacy level):		
	What is one healthy thing you can do tonight?		
	Which health category on the board is the most interesting to you (nutrition, lifestyle, etc.)?		

# **Appendix A. Mingle Grid**

Questions	Student #1	Student #2	Student #3	Student #4
Name				
How do you stay healthy?				
What is difficult for you about staying healthy?				