

**Subject Area:** German Language and Culture  
**Unit Title:** Interactive German Conversations about Climate Change and Sustainability  
**Grade Level:** Beginner  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 7

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Date:** [Insert Date]  
**Teacher:** [Insert Teacher's Name]  
**Room:** [Insert Room Number]

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- Communicate effectively in German about climate change and sustainability
- Understand basic German vocabulary and phrases related to the environment

### Skills Standards:

- Engage in conversations about climate change and sustainability in German
- Use basic German vocabulary and phrases to express opinions and ideas

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- Science: understanding of climate change and sustainability
- Language Arts: effective communication in German

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Big Ideas

### Essential Questions: Climate Change

- What is climate change and why is it important?
- How can we contribute to sustainability in our daily lives?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Climate change is a critical issue that affects our planet and our lives
- Sustainability is essential for our future and can be achieved through individual and collective actions

## Class Profile:

- Total Students: 20
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 2
- Gifted: 3

## Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%



## Introduction to Climate Change and Sustainability

### Welcome to Our Interactive German Lesson

Welcome to our interactive German lesson on climate change and sustainability! This lesson is designed to introduce you to basic German conversational skills while exploring the critical topics of climate change and sustainability. By combining language learning with real-world issues, you will be motivated to engage with the material and develop a deeper understanding of the importance of environmental conservation.

### Key Terms

Die Umwelt (the environment) Der Klimawandel (climate change) Erneuerbare Energie (renewable energy)



## Vocabulary

Die Umwelt ist sehr wichtig (The environment is very important) Der Koßes Problem (Climate climawandel ist ein grhange is a big problem) Erneuerbare Energie ist die Zukunft (Renewable energy is the future)

## Phrases

Ich denke, dass... (I think that...) Ich stimme zu (I agree) Ich möchte mehr erfahren (I would like to learn more)

### Activity 1: Environmental Debates

Divide into small groups and assign each group a topic related to climate change and sustainability. Each group member will take on a role: one student will be the moderator, one will be the speaker in favor of the topic, one will be the speaker against the topic, and one will be the note-taker. The moderator will ensure the debate stays on track, the speakers will present their arguments, and the note-taker will record key points.

# Role-Plays and Group Work

## Role-Play 1: Sustainable Living

Divide into pairs and assign each pair a scenario: one student will be a sustainable living expert, and the other will be a curious citizen. The expert will provide information and answer questions and express opinions, while the citizen will ask concerns.

### Gamiv> Game 1: Environmental Vocabulary Match

Create a matching game where students match German vocabulary words related to the environment with their English translations. Provide a list of 10-15 vocabulary words, such as "die Umwelt" (the environment), "der Klimawandel" (climate change), and "erneuerbare Energie"



### Conclusion and Next Steps

#### Key Takeaways

Basic German vocabulary and phrases related to climate change and sustainability Importance of sustainability and environmental conservation Development of conversational skills in German

#### Additional Resources and Support

Online courses: Duolingo, Babbel  
Language learning apps: Memrise, Quizlet  
Recommended reading materials: "Die Umwelt" by Deutsche Welle, "Der Klimawandel" by National Geographic

(renewable  
energy).