

#### Introduction

Welcome to the lesson on Introduction to Sustainable Finishing Works in Construction and Group Collaboration. This lesson is designed for 15-year-old students in a Romanian technical high school construction curriculum. The objective of this lesson is to introduce students to the concept of sustainable finishing works in construction, emphasizing the importance of eco-friendly practices and group collaboration.

#### **Lesson Overview**

This lesson will cover the principles of sustainable finishing works in construction, including the use of ecofriendly materials and practices. Students will also learn about the importance of group collaboration and teamwork in achieving sustainable construction practices.



### **Lesson Objectives**

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

Understand the principles of sustainable finishing works in construction

Identify eco-friendly materials and practices used in construction

Develop teamwork and communication skills through group collaboration

Apply theoretical knowledge to practical problems in sustainable finishing works

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this lesson, students will be able to:

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Design and propose sustainable finishing works for a construction project

Collaborate with peers to achieve a common goal



#### Lesson Plan

The lesson will be divided into six sections:

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- 2. Lesson Overview and Objectives (5 minutes)
- 3. Group Collaboration and Task Assignment (10 minutes)
- 4. Group Work and Facilitation (20 minutes)
- 5. Presentations and Feedback (15 minutes)
- 6. Conclusion and Reflection (10 minutes)

#### Teaching Strategies

The following teaching strategies will be used:

**Direct instruction** 

Group work and collaboration

Facilitation and guidance

Presentations and feedback

Reflection and self-assessment



#### Introduction and Hook

Introduce the topic of sustainable finishing works in construction

Show a video or image showcasing the environmental impact of construction

Ask open-ended questions to engage students, such as "What do you think is the most significant environmental issue facing the construction industry?" or "How can we reduce waste and pollution in construction?"

### Activity 1: Brainstorming

Have students brainstorm and discuss the following questions:

What are some eco-friendly materials used in construction?

How can we reduce waste and pollution in construction?

What are some benefits of sustainable finishing works in construction?



## Lesson Overview and Objectives

Present the lesson overview and objectives

Emphasize the importance of sustainable finishing works in construction

Introduce the concept of group collaboration and its role in achieving eco-friendly practices

## **Activity 2: Group Discussion**

Have students discuss the following questions in small groups:

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How can group collaboration help overcome these challenges?

What are some benefits of group collaboration in construction projects?



### **Group Collaboration and Task Assignment**

Divide students into groups of 4-5

Assign each group a task related to sustainable finishing works, such as designing an eco-friendly building or developing a plan to reduce waste on a construction site

Provide guidance and support as needed

## Activity 3: Group Work

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### **Activity 4: Progress Monitoring**

Monitor group progress and provide feedback

Address any questions or concerns

Encourage groups to stay on track and meet deadlines



### **Presentations and Feedback**

Have each group present their findings and proposals

Provide feedback and guidance on their presentations

Encourage peer-to-peer feedback and discussion

### **Activity 5: Peer Feedback**

Have students provide feedback to their peers on their presentations

Encourage constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement

Monitor and facilitate the feedback process



#### Conclusion and Reflection

Summarize the key learning objectives and outcomes

Ask students to reflect on what they have learned

Provide opportunities for students to ask questions and seek clarification

### **Activity 6: Reflection**

Have students reflect on their learning and experiences throughout the lesson

Ask students to write down what they learned, what they enjoyed, and what they would like to learn more about

Collect and review student reflections to inform future instruction



### **Assessment and Evaluation**

Assess student understanding through formative and summative assessments

Evaluate student participation and engagement in group work

Provide feedback and guidance on student performance

#### **Assessment Rubric**

Use the following rubric to assess student understanding and performance:

Content knowledge (40%)

Group work and collaboration (30%)

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Reflection and self-assessment (10%)



#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the introduction to sustainable finishing works in construction and group collaboration is a vital lesson for 15-year-old students in a Romanian technical high school construction curriculum.

By incorporating group work and emphasizing safety protocols, students can develop essential skills in sustainable finishing works, collaboration, and problem-solving.

#### **Future Directions**

Future lessons can build on this foundation by exploring more advanced topics in sustainable construction, such as green building certification and sustainable materials.

Students can also apply their knowledge and skills to real-world projects and case studies, further developing their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.



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Group collaboration

Green building certification

Sustainable materials

### Acronyms

The following acronyms are used throughout this lesson:

MOE: Ministry of Environment

RGB: Romanian Green Building

ASD: Autodesk Sustainable Design

#### Advanced Concepts

As students progress in their understanding of sustainable finishing works, it is essential to introduce advanced concepts that can help them develop a deeper understanding of the subject. One such concept is the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in sustainable construction. BIM is a digital representation of the physical and functional characteristics of a building, and it can be used to optimize building performance, reduce waste, and improve collaboration among stakeholders.

### Case Study: BIM in Sustainable Construction

A recent study on the use of BIM in sustainable construction found that it can help reduce energy consumption by up to 20% and water consumption by up to 30%. The study also found that BIM can help reduce waste by up to 15% and improve collaboration among stakeholders by up to 25%. These findings demonstrate the potential of BIM to improve the sustainability of construction projects.

#### Sustainable Materials

Sustainable materials are an essential component of sustainable finishing works. These materials are designed to reduce the environmental impact of construction projects by minimizing waste, reducing energy consumption, and promoting the use of recycled materials. Some examples of sustainable materials include recycled glass, low-VOC paints, and sustainable wood products.

#### **Example: Sustainable Wood Products**

Sustainable wood products, such as FSC-certified wood, are harvested from forests that are managed in a responsible and sustainable manner. These products can help reduce deforestation, promote biodiversity, and support local communities. They can also be used to create a range of products, from flooring to furniture.

#### **Energy Efficiency**

Energy efficiency is a critical aspect of sustainable finishing works. It involves the use of materials and systems that minimize energy consumption and reduce the environmental impact of construction projects. Some examples of energy-efficient systems include solar panels, wind turbines, and green roofs.

## Case Study: Energy-Efficient Building

A recent study on energy-efficient buildings found that the use of solar panels and green roofs can reduce energy consumption by up to 50%. The study also found that these systems can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30% and improve indoor air quality by up to 25%.

#### Water Conservation

Water conservation is an essential aspect of sustainable finishing works. It involves the use of materials and systems that minimize water consumption and reduce the environmental impact of construction projects. Some examples of water-conserving systems include low-flow showerheads, dual-flush toilets, and greywater reuse systems.

## **Example: Greywater Reuse Systems**

Greywater reuse systems involve the collection and treatment of wastewater from sinks, showers, and washing machines. This water can then be reused for irrigation, toilet flushing, and other non-potable purposes. Greywater reuse systems can help reduce water consumption by up to 50% and minimize the amount of wastewater generated by construction projects.

## **Indoor Air Quality**

Indoor air quality is a critical aspect of sustainable finishing works. It involves the use of materials and systems that minimize indoor air pollution and promote a healthy indoor environment. Some examples of indoor air quality systems include air filtration systems, ventilation systems, and non-toxic materials.

## Case Study: Indoor Air Quality

A recent study on indoor air quality found that the use of air filtration systems and ventilation systems can improve indoor air quality by up to 90%. The study also found that these systems can help reduce the risk of respiratory problems and other health issues associated with poor indoor air quality.

#### Waste Reduction

Waste reduction is an essential aspect of sustainable finishing works. It involves the use of materials and systems that minimize waste generation and promote recycling and reuse. Some examples of waste reduction strategies include recycling programs, composting programs, and waste-to-energy systems.

#### **Example: Recycling Programs**

Recycling programs involve the collection and processing of recyclable materials, such as paper, plastic, and glass. These programs can help reduce waste generation by up to 50% and promote the use of recycled materials in construction projects.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, sustainable finishing works are a critical aspect of sustainable construction. They involve the use of materials and systems that minimize environmental impact, promote energy efficiency, and support human health and well-being. By incorporating sustainable finishing works into construction projects, we can reduce waste, promote recycling and reuse, and create healthier and more sustainable buildings.

### Case Study: Sustainable Finishing Works

A recent study on sustainable finishing works found that the use of sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and waste reduction strategies can reduce environmental impact by up to 70%. The study also found that these strategies can help promote human health and well-being by improving indoor air quality, reducing noise pollution, and creating healthier and more sustainable buildings.



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