# **PLANT**Classroom Activity: Using Microsoft Office Tools to Organize and Manage Tasks

| Introduction (10 minutes)  |  |  |  |
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| Read the introduction to the topic and answer the following questions:           |  |  |  |
| 1. What is the purpose of using Microsoft Office tools to manage tasks and time? |  |  |  |
| 2. What are the three main Microsoft Office tools used in this worksheet?        |  |  |  |

#### Understanding Microsoft Office Tools (15 minutes)

Read the section on understanding Microsoft Office tools and complete the following tasks:

1. Match the Microsoft Office tool with its description:

| Tool    | Description |
|---------|-------------|
| Excel   |             |
| Outlook |             |
| Word    |             |

| Creating a Schedule in Excel (20 minutes)   |            |          |  |  |
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| ollow the steps to create a schedule in Excel and answer the following questions:<br>1. What are the steps to create a schedule in Excel? |            |          |  |  |
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| 2. How do you use formulas to calculate the total time spent on each task?  |            |          |  |  |
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| Group Task:   |            |          |  |  |
| Create a schedule in Excel for a typical school day. Include columns for tasks, start times, and end times.                               |            |          |  |  |
| Task  | Start Time | End Time |  |  |
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## Setting Reminders in Outlook (15 minutes)

Follow the steps to set reminders in Outlook and answer the following questions:

1. What are the steps to set a reminder in Outlook?

#### 2. How do you choose the reminder time and type?

| Task Management in Word (20 minutes)  |  |  |  |
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| Follow the steps to manage tasks in Word and answer the following questions:<br>1. What are the steps to create a to-do list in Word? |  |  |  |
| 2. How do you use headings and subheadings to organize tasks?   |  |  |  |
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| <b>Group Task:</b><br>Create a to-do list in Word for a upcoming project. Include headings and subheadings to organize                |  |  |  |
| tasks.  |  |  |  |
| [Space for to-do list]  |  |  |  |

# Collaboration and Sharing (15 minutes)

Read the section on collaboration and sharing and answer the following questions:

1. What are the steps to share a file in Excel?

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| 2. | . How do you choose the sharing option and enter the recipient's email address? |  |

| Advanced Features (20 minutes)  |                      |  |  |
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| Read the section on advanced features and answer the<br>1. What is conditional formatting in Excel? | following questions: |  |  |
| 2. How do you use recurring events in Outlook?  |                      |  |  |
| <b>Group Task:</b><br>Use conditional formatting in Excel to highlight tasks that are due soon.     |                      |  |  |
| Task  | Due Date             |  |  |
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## Conclusion (10 minutes)

Read the conclusion and answer the following questions:

1. What is the main purpose of using Microsoft Office tools to manage tasks and time?

2. What are the key takeaways from this worksheet?

| Activities and Questions (20 minutes)   |  |  |  |  |
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| Answer the following questions:   |  |  |  |  |
| at is the purpose of using Microsoft Office tools to manage tasks and time?         |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. How do you create a schedule in Excel?   |  |  |  |  |
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| 3. What is the difference between a task and an event in Outlook?                   |  |  |  |  |
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| 4. How do you set a reminder in Outlook?  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5. What is the purpose of using headings and subheadings in Word to organize tasks? |  |  |  |  |
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#### Answer Key (10 minutes)

Check your answers with the answer key:

- 1. The purpose of using Microsoft Office tools to manage tasks and time is to increase productivity and efficiency.
- 2. To create a schedule in Excel, open a new spreadsheet, set up a table with columns for tasks, start times, and end times, and input your tasks and schedule.
- 3. A task is a to-do item, while an event is a scheduled appointment or meeting.
- 4. To set a reminder in Outlook, create a new event or appointment, and set a reminder for the event or appointment.

5. The purpose of using headings and subheadings in Word to organize tasks is to make it easier to read and understand the tasks.