

Appreciating Our Guiding Lights



How can we show our appreciation for our teachers and understand their importance in our lives?



TARGET LEARNERS
Young Adults (A2 level)



PREPARATION

- Smartboard
- Students' smartphone



DURATION
60 - 90 minutes

LESSON OBJECTIVES

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

- understand the importance of showing appreciation to teachers
- reflect on their own experiences and brainstorm meaningful ways to show appreciation to your teachers.
- expand their vocabulary related to appreciation and education.
- create an impressive way to show appreciation to their teachers.



1 Engage

10 - 15 minutes



Materials:

Lead-in video
Teachers' Day Trivia



Suggested teacher's activities

This stage is to introduce the lesson topic, engage students in reflecting on the significance of teachers, and emphasize the importance of showing appreciation to them.

Exercise A: Watch a video

- Show a short video about a pilot and his colleagues setting up a surprise for his instructor by scanning the code or using this link: <https://bit.ly/47aysxO>
- Initiate a discussion after watching the video by using the following questions as conversation starters:
 - *Who was the old man in the video?*
 - *What did the pilot and his colleagues do in the video?*
 - *Why did they do that?*
 - *How was the man feeling?*
 - *Do you think the instructor in the video was important to the pilots?*
 - *What do you think about the pilots' actions?*
- Have students share their ideas.
- Introduce the big question of the lesson **"How can we show our appreciation for our teachers and understand their importance in our lives?"**

Exercise B: Teachers' Day Trivia Game

- Divide the class into teams and introduce that they will engage in a competition to answer the four questions about Teacher's Day in order to reveal the topic of the lesson.
- Engage students by playing a trivia game using students' smartphones.
- Scan the code to open Teacher Trivia or use this link: bit.ly/40cU628
- Instruct them to click each box to answer the trivia questions. Type the words in either uppercase or lowercase—both are acceptable.
- Award the team that can shout out the hidden question first.

C The questions in the Teacher Trivia are as follows:

1. *This is someone whose job is to teach in a school, college, etc.*
2. *In which country is Teachers' Day celebrated on November 20th?*
3. *True or False: Teachers' Day is celebrated worldwide on the same date.*
4. *True or False: World Teachers' Day on October 5th was established by UNESCO in 1994.*

Answer Key

A.

Who was the old man in the video?

→ *a pilot instructor*

What did the pilot and his colleagues do in the video?

→ *set up a surprise for their retired pilot instructor.*

Why did they do that?

→ *to show appreciation to their instructor.*

How was the man feeling? (Students' answers vary.)

Do you think the instructor in the video was important to the pilots? (Students' answers vary.)

What do you think about the pilots' actions? (Students' answers vary.)

B.

Q1. *teacher*

Q2. *seeds*

Q3. *false*

Q4. *true*

2 Explore

10 - 15 minutes

Suggested teacher's activities

This stage is to foster reflection, empathy, and appreciation among students, provide an example of expressing gratitude, and promote thoughtful reflection on its content.

Exercise A: Discussion in groups

- Introduce the hidden question from the previous stage: **"Do you often appreciate your teachers?"** and have students share their answers.
- Instruct students to form small groups and discuss additional ways to show appreciation towards teachers, listing out 3 ideas per group.
- Encourage creative thinking and consider various gestures, actions, or activities that demonstrate gratitude towards teachers.
- Have each group share their ideas with the class.

Exercise B: Read a thank-you letter

- Draw students' attention to the thank-you letter on the Student's Worksheet.
This is a letter from a student to his teacher, expressing gratitude for his teacher's help and saying goodbye as he is moving on to a higher grade.
- Divide the class into groups and have them read the letter.
- Have the groups discuss the questions and share their thoughts within their groups.
- Check their answers, provide feedback, and address misconceptions.

Answer Key

A. (Students' answers vary.)

Possible ways to express appreciation to teachers:

1. Write a thank-you note or letter.
2. Verbally express gratitude.
3. Give a small gift or token of appreciation.
4. Participate actively in class.
5. Nominate them for recognition or awards.
6. Organize a surprise celebration or event.
7. Share positive feedback with others.
8. Stay committed to your studies.
9. Offer to help with classroom tasks.
10. Keep in touch even after moving on to higher grades.

B. (Students' answers vary.)

- a) The purpose of the letter is to express gratitude to Mr. Smith for his assistance during the final exam.
 - b) Mr. Smith worked extra hours to have more time to support the students and provide them with expertise.
 - c) Mr. Smith created a safe space for the students to express themselves, ask questions, and collaborate with their peers.
- c) The students still appreciate Mr. Smith because of all the support and dedication he showed to their success during their time together.

3 Explain

10 - 15 minutes

Suggested teacher's activities

This stage is to introduce students with new vocabulary and practice using the new words in context, enhancing their understanding of their meanings and appropriate usage.

New vocabulary

- Draw students' attention to the new words highlighted in the letter and demonstrate how to pronounce each word clearly.

Exercise A: Crossword Puzzle

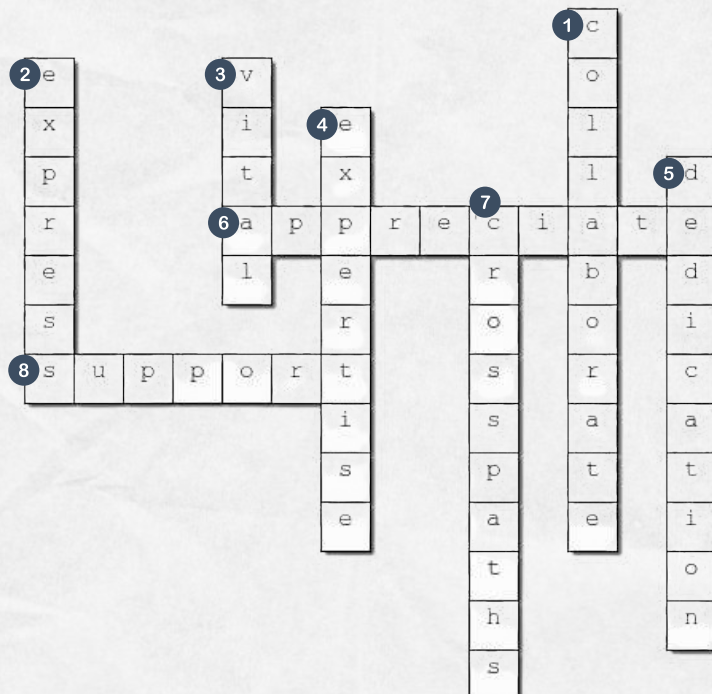
- Ask the groups to complete a crossword puzzle using the words in the letter. This activity will help them learn the meanings or definitions of the words in context.

Exercise B:

- Instruct the students to fill in the gaps with the most appropriate word from the list.
- Review the answers as a class, discussing the correct word choices and their meanings in the given context.

Answer Key

A.



B.

1. support
2. cross paths
3. vital
4. appreciate
5. express
6. dedication
7. expertise
8. collaborate

4

Elaborate

25 - 35 minutes

Suggested teacher's activities

This stage is to facilitate students by encouraging them to reflect on their own experiences and think of meaningful ways they can show appreciation to their teachers.

Exercise A: Think-Pair-Share

- Invite a student to read out the question in the worksheet. Explain "impression" if necessary.
- Ask students to reflect individually on the question for a few moments.
- Instruct students to pair up with a partner and take turns sharing their responses.
- Facilitate a discussion about the question as a whole class. Ask students to share examples from their discussions with their partners.

Exercise B: Brainstorm an impressive way to show appreciation to the teacher.

- Have the students work silently and individually to reflect on a teacher they appreciate.
- Ask them to think of one way they want to do to show their appreciation and have them take notes of their ideas.

Exercise C: Pair work

- Have students work in pairs, presenting their ideas to their partners.
- Provide feedback.
- Have some students share their ideas with the whole class.

5

Evaluate

5 - 10 minutes

Suggested teacher's activities

This stage is for students to self-evaluate on what they have learned and apply it in real-life situations.

Exercise A:

- Have students reflect on what they have learned today using the checklist.
- Go through the checklist and have students raise their hands if they check an item.
- Invite some students to explain why they checked the item, or others to explain why they didn't.

Exercise B:

- Ask the students to write a self-reflective passage of about 100 words about the importance of teachers in their lives.
- Ask them to imagine a world without teachers and share their thoughts on what they think would happen.
- Have some students share their writings.
- Summarize the main ideas covered in the lesson and emphasize the significance of expressing gratitude towards teachers.