

SUBJECT: English Language

LEVEL	Activity 1 is targeted at Lower Secondary Express/N(A) Activity 2 is targeted at Upper Secondary Express/N(A)
TOPIC	Skills involved: Writing, reading & viewing
DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCES	<p>Activity 1 is a situational writing question that has been set based on the information extracted from the SEC White Paper. Information that students will be examining is presented in the form of infographs that is easier to comprehend</p> <p>Activity 2 is a class debate designed to build up towards a final argumentative essay writing piece. Students are required to investigate the issue of efforts in environmental conservation based on the resources provided (e.g. infographs, excerpts from the SEC white paper and the online supplementary information links).</p> <p>Both these activities aim to create awareness among students about the importance of reusing plastic bags.</p>
MATERIALS NEEDED	Respective questions for Activity 1 & 2 Infographs
OTHERS	<p>Supplementary Resources:</p> <p>http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singapore-faces-3-major/868470.html</p> <p>http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/sustainable-singapore/862442.html</p> <p>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2487452/EU-gives-ahead-banning-plastic-bags-meet-new-green-targets-Plan-reduce-usage-80-2017.html</p> <p>http://www.wvlp.com/news/local/franklin/greenfield-looks-at-plastic-bag-ban</p> <p>http://www.ted.com/talks/dianna_cohen_tough_truths_about_plastic_pollution.htm</p>

Activity 1:*Situational Writing*

Give students the infograph as stimulus and ask them to write a formal letter addressing the following question:

You are to write a formal letter to your school administration asking them to reduce the school's use of plastic bags. Many students take away food from the canteen to the library, the sports complex and the field and use plastic bags everyday. You must

- a) suggest ways in which the canteen can reduce giving plastic bags for take-away food and
- b) explain why it is important to do so.

Your letter must be persuasive and written in correct, standard English.

Activity 2:

Class debate - Argumentative writing

“The Singapore government should ban the use of plastic bags to help conserve the environment.” Do you agree with this statement?

Teacher will divide the class in half and then give students infograph and excerpts from the SEC White Paper. The teacher can also make it an ICT lesson where students can do research in their groups on the issue, to build up their respective arguments.

Other possible resources:

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singapore-faces-3-major/868470.html>

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/sustainable-singapore/862442.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2487452/EU-gives-ahead-banning-plastic-bags-meet-new-green-targets-Plan-reduce-usage-80-2017.html>

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