Lesson plan Year 7 | Session 1 'Spending decisions'



Learning objectives

- 1. Explain the difference between financial needs and wants
- 2. Assess personal and external influences affecting spending decisions
- 3. Evaluate how spending decisions may impact the environment and other people

Resources needed for the lesson [worksheets, print-outs etc]

• Lesson 1 Resource 1 | 'Zara's weekend' - one per person

Activity	Description	Timing	
Introduction	Students are introduced to FLIC, lesson ground rules and the unit of work.	Ideally in prior form time or assembly	
LO 1 Explain the difference between financial needs and wants			
Starter Define wants and needs	Students are invited to define 'need', 'want' and 'priority'.	5 mins	
Introduction to needs vs wants	Students watch Poku Banks' video and answer the questions on the screen. Quick assessment for learning activity where students match keywords to definitions.	5 mins	
Categorising wants and needs	Students categorise a variety of items into needs and wants. Firstly they do this by themselves and add any items they think are important, not found in the wordbank. Then they compare answers with their partner, recognising that needs and wants will differ given different people have different priorities.	10 mins	
LO 2 Assess personal and external influences that affect spending decisions			
Mindmap "What impacts Zara's spending decisions?"	Students respond to the question using the prompt questions on the slide, noting down their answers. Teacher elicits responses from a range of students.	5 mins	
Personal and external influences on spending	Teacher walks through personal influences and then some external influences. Students rate the external influences from strongest to weakest, discussing any not listed on the board. Teacher encourages the students to use their response to Zara's spending decision influences to inform their thinking.	10 mins	

Lesson plan Year 7 | Session 1 'Spending decisions'



Learning objectives

- 1. Distinguish the difference between financial needs and wants
- 2. Assess personal and external influences affecting spending decisions
- 3. Evaluate how spending decisions may impact the environment and other people

LO 3 Evaluate how spending decisions may impact the environment and other people			
What do the pictures say?	Students identify key environmental/social purchasing decisions that can be made by looking at a range of images and discussing these as a class. See teacher notes below slides for more context. Students are invited to rate the issue on a scale so they can begin identifying their own conscious consumerism priorities journey.	5 mins	
Case study - Zara's weekend	Students consolidate learning by working through Zara's case study and differentiating between needs, wants and social/environmental purchasing decisions. Answers provided on slides.	5 mins	
Plenary - exit ticket and reflection questions	Students apply their learning so far on needs and wants to support smart financial planning. Students hand in this work for teacher review.	5 mins	
Optional Learning Review	Students respond to Zara's iPhone case study using learning about wants, needs, influences and prioritisation.	5 mins	