

Lesson plan Title: Pythagoras' Theorem

School	Primary		Middle	High	
Year / Class	1	2	3	4	5
Subject :	Topic: Pythagorean theorem and its link to Euclidean Geometry.				
CLIL language	English / Italian				

Teacher / Teaching team profile	Teacher's role:	<input type="radio"/> Main Teacher <input type="radio"/> Co-teacher <input type="radio"/> Other: _____	Subject taught: Math and Science
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Student group profile (general)	CEFR Level:	<input type="radio"/> A1 <input type="radio"/> B1	<input type="radio"/> A2 <input type="radio"/> B2	<input type="radio"/> C1 <input type="radio"/> C2
	<input type="radio"/> Experiences of CLIL <input type="radio"/> English mother tongue <input type="radio"/> Other mother tongue	<input type="radio"/> Migrant background <input type="radio"/> Special Educational Needs : 2 students 104 and 2 DSA <input type="radio"/> Other:		

Timetable fit	<input type="radio"/> Module <input type="radio"/> Lesson	Student Prerequisite Knowledge needed: Students need to understand how to square numbers as well as the inverse operation: square roots. Students should have a list of perfect squares through 225. Students should be able to explain what a triangle is and to explain different features of a triangle. Students should understand that the hypotenuse is the longest side in a right triangle. It is also opposite the largest angle. Students should be able to explain how it is possible to calculate the area of the triangle.

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		<p>At the end of the lesson</p> <p>Students should state the Pythagorean theorem</p> <p>Knowledge of the Pythagorean equation and how to use it</p> <p>They should know the various types of triangles as well as their properties</p> <p><u>Future lessons:</u> Application of Pythagorean theorem in real life situations.</p>
Resources & tools	<p><u>Tools:</u></p> <p>Spider Scribe (mind map software), Prezi (presentation software that uses motion, zoom, and spatial relationships), Creative commons (licenses for Images), trivia, interactive whiteboard or tablets</p> <p><u>Webliography:</u></p> <p>Spider Scribe http://www.spiderscribe.net/</p> <p>Prezi https://prezi.com</p> <p>Creative commons (https://search.creativecommons.org/)</p> <p>https://www.quia.com/web</p>	

	Subject	Language	Relational Competences
Students' prior knowledge, skills, competencies	square roots, to be able to explain what a triangle is and to explain different features of a triangle (right triangle and hypotenuse)	<p><u>Math Vocabulary:</u> polygon, right triangle, area of a triangle, base of a triangle, height of a triangle, hypotenuse...</p> <p><u>Structure:</u> present tense e.g., a triangle has a right angle...; is the same...is different from, comparative forms, connectors (and, but, because, first, then, after, later, finally).</p> <p><u>Communicative function:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing and contrasting triangles • Describing • Asking and answering questions. <p><u>Language support:</u> Word level: key vocabulary on board. Sentence level: hand out with sentence starters and substitution table.</p>	Work in pairs, taking notes, developing thinking skills
Teaching Objectives:	<p>Content: Knowing the Greek philosopher, Pythagorean theorem, Right-angled triangle, Problem solving.</p> <p>Cognition: Understand concepts and apply them; Make choices about how to calculate the hypotenuse; Make hypotheses and justify them; Problem-solving for triangles.</p> <p>Communication: Provide key phrases needed; sentence starters (see attached wall chart); Listing key vocabulary to use (see attached sheet); Switch from L1 to English when needed; Plenary at the end to recap and consolidate.</p> <p>Culture: Application of Pythagorean theorem in real life (home exercises for future lesson).</p>		

Learning outcomes	<p><i>Cognitive-linguistic competencies to develop. E.g. see the document “Critical thinking skills”.</i></p> <p>Content: Describe who Pythagoras was and where he lived and when, Explain the Pythagorean theorem to others by using examples, Represent visually the right-angled triangle, Hypothesize about problem solving with triangles, Memorize key vocabulary, Memorize & use key phrases.</p> <p>Cognition: Describe the Pythagorean theorem and explain how it works in problem solving, Memorize key phrases and use them in context, Reason and solve problems mathematically.</p> <p>Communication: How to describe (sentence starters), How to explain processes (how.....were discovered), How to justify/present a case, How to make suggestions/hypotheses (ideas for explaining Pythagora’s demonstration), Language for group work (asking/answering questions), Understanding instructions, How to deal with not understanding.</p> <p>Culture: Some real life applications to introduce the concept of Pythagorean theorem e.g. Road Trip, Painting on a Wall, What Size TV Should You Buy, Hunting for Treasure. (future lesson)</p>
Methodology:	<p><i>How the teacher in a particular lesson manages to integrate language and content</i></p> <p>Activate prior knowledge by completing sentences (Warm-up activity) e.g which characteristic of triangles do I know? Learners need vocabulary, language focus, grammar/sentence starters in order to do pair work; the students outline what they already know and want to know about the topic.</p> <p>Students watch a video-clip demo on the Pythagoras experiment and have to manage practical skills in a group work.</p> <p>Playing games with trivia on the interactive board to put together Students’ prior knowledge, skills, competencies.</p> <p>Finally a problem to solve: learners have to recall the knowledge of a math-specific vocabulary (hypotenuse, right-angle triangle and Pythagorean theorem), then they will test their thinking skills and practical skills with different sized triangles.</p>

Activity	Activity aims	Activity Procedure	Language	Interaction	Materials (please cite all sources)	Timing	Assessment
Activity 1 Warm-up activity	<p><i>What is the purpose of this activity of the lesson.</i></p> <p>Know: activating learners' prior knowledge on the features of triangles.</p> <p>Be able to: Talk about similarities and differences of polygons, triangles and right-angle triangles.</p>	<p><i>What will happen during this stage of the lesson</i></p> <p>Start: activating learners' prior knowledge - which characteristics of triangles do I know?</p> <p>Individual work: Finish the sentence using sentence starters.</p>	<p><i>Competencies developed</i></p> <p>Language focus: use the correct present tense when stating facts; use comparative forms accurately and use appropriate connectors.</p> <p>Recalling and thinking skills.</p> <p>Using sentence frames and sentence starters</p> <p>(see sentence starters attached).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole class <p>The class using sentence starters will try to recall all they know about triangles.</p> <p>Together examine the mind map already created by the teacher to see if all information is included.</p>	<p><i>What materials are used during the lesson?</i> Flashcards, pictures, songs, PowerPoint, ICT tools, etc. <i>All materials should be referenced clearly paying attention to the copyright rules</i></p> <p>I will use an interactive whiteboard, and mind gap in a Prezi presentation to recall arguments asked.</p>	<p><i>The timing of each activity should be as accurate as possible</i></p> <p>10'</p>	<p><i>Assessment tools in relation to the learning outcomes of the lesson</i></p> <p>1) Ask students different questions in different steps</p> <p>2) Listen attentively to others' contributions during class discussion (assessment of learners attitudes).</p>

<p>Activity 2 video demo</p>	<p>Know: Teacher's introduction to the students (who was Pythagoras). -about P. history, - about his theorem and why it is so important.</p> <p>Be able to: use visual organizers to record key specific vocabulary.</p>	<p>Start: video-clip demo on Pythagora's life and work;</p> <p>Individual work: note taking</p>	<p>Language focus: use the correct present tense when stating facts; use comparative forms accurately and use appropriate connectors during the writing.</p> <p>Language support: some key-specific vocabulary will be written on the board.</p> <p>A simplified text will be provided for students with special needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole class: listen and understand the video-clip ○ Individual work : note taking 	<p>I will use an interactive whiteboard to put together information elicited.</p> <p>The text of the audio script will be provided.</p>	<p>10'</p>	<p>1) Circulate in the room to check students' work.</p> <p>2) Listen attentively to others' contribution during class discussion (assessment of learners' attitudes).</p>
<p>Activity 3 Listening and writing</p>	<p>Know: the teacher reads the script out aloud.</p> <p>Be able to: use visual organizers to take notes</p>	<p>Start: the Teacher will hand out the text for the audio script and read the script out loud.</p> <p>Individual work: highlight key vocabulary</p>	<p>Language focus: underline verbs in the present tense and key-specific vocabulary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual work The students outline what they already know and want to know about the topic 	<p>I will use an interactive whiteboard to put together information gained.</p>	<p>10'</p>	<p>1) Circulate in the room to check students' work.</p>

<p>Activity 3 (Lesson 2)</p> <p>A puzzle investigation</p>	<p>Know: -About the Pythagorean theorem.</p> <p>Be able to: Recall the theorem. Construct a geometric figure.</p>	<p>Start: the Teacher will provide paper and scissors and using a dissection (cutting pieces apart) students follow instructions.</p> <p>Individual work: students will follow the instructions.</p>	<p>Language focus: None.</p> <p>Communicative function: None.</p> <p>Cognitive skills Reasoning and creative thinking</p>	<p>○ Individual work: students will follow the instructions and using a dissection prove the Pythagorean theorem.</p>	<p>A worksheet and scissors will be provided.</p>	<p>10'</p>	<p>Circulate in the room to check students' work.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Activity 4 (Lesson 2)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A problem to solve</p>	<p>Know: -About the Pythagorean theorem.</p> <p>Be able to: Recall the theorem. Resolve maths problems.</p>	<p>Start: - the Teacher will divide students into mixed-ability cooperative groups. - See what conclusions the students can draw about the relationship between the sum of the squares of the legs and the square of the hypotenuse. - Remind the students that the hypotenuse is the longest length because it is opposite the largest angle. - The "right" angle should be between the other two sides' lengths.</p> <p>Group work Students will test this theory with different size triangles.</p>	<p>Cognitive skills Reasoning and creative thinking</p>	<p>○ Group work</p> <p>Students are divided into mixed-ability cooperative groups to solve the problem provided.</p>	<p>I will use an interactive whiteboard, and show exercises in a Prezi presentation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15'</p>	<p>1) Circulate in the room to check students' work.</p> <p>2) Listen attentively to others' contribution during class discussion (assessment of learners' attitudes).</p>
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<p>Activity 5 (Lesson 2)</p> <p>Students As Teachers</p>	<p>Know: -About the Pythagorean theorem.</p> <p>Be able to: - instruct others -Teaching to the class.</p>	<p>Start: -Assign one topic to a selected group of students. -Set the standards for the presentation (short, orally precise, using subject-specific vocabulary).</p> <p>Individual work: As the audience, students can take notes on what is right or wrong.</p> <p>End: lead a class discussion</p>	<p>Language focus: use the correct present tense when stating facts; use comparative forms accurately and use appropriate connectors.</p> <p>Cognitive skills Reasoning and creative thinking</p>	<p>○ Whole class</p>	<p>I will use an interactive whiteboard to recap in a Prezi presentation.</p>	<p>15'</p>	<p>Listen attentively to others' contributions during class discussion (assessment of learners' attitudes).</p>
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