

Here are engaging reading activities for news articles, travel guides, and social media/online content, designed for all levels (A1-C1) and aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to promote awareness, critical thinking, and real-world application.

# **1** 2. News Articles (Informative & Current Events)

(Aligned with SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions, SDG 13: Climate Action, etc.)

- A1-A2: Headline Match & Picture Prediction
- ★ How to do it:
  - Show students headlines and pictures from different news articles.
  - Students **match** them and predict what the article is about.
  - Read and check if their guesses were correct.
    - **Example:** Climate change article (SDG 13) students match a melting glacier image with the correct headline.
    - Why? Builds skimming skills and topic awareness.
- B1-B2: Fact vs. Opinion Challenge
- ★ How to do it:
  - Give students a **news article on an SDG-related topic** (e.g., gender equality, renewable energy).
  - Highlight facts and opinions in different colors.
  - Discuss: "How do opinions influence public perception?"
    - **Example:** Gender pay gap article (SDG 5) students highlight data vs. personal viewpoints.
    - Why? Develops critical thinking and media literacy.
- C1: Global News Debate & Perspective Swap
- How to do it:
  - Students read two articles with opposing views on an SDG issue (e.g., fast fashion & sustainability).
  - They swap perspectives and **argue from the opposite viewpoint**.
    - Example: "Should single-use plastics be banned?" (SDG 12) students debate pros &



cons.

B Why? Encourages research, argumentation, and balanced discussions.

# 7. Travel Guides & Brochures

(Aligned with SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption & Production, SDG 14: Life Below Water, etc.)

- A1-A2: Eco-Friendly Travel Roleplay
- ★ How to do it:
  - One student is a traveler looking for a trip, and the other is a sustainable travel agent.
  - The agent recommends **eco-friendly destinations** from brochures.
    - **Example:** Costa Rica (SDG 15) "This rainforest tour supports local conservation!"
    - Why? Builds functional reading & speaking confidence.
- B1-B2: Compare & Choose the Best Destination
- How to do it:
  - Give students two different travel brochures.
  - They compare cost, sustainability, local culture, and choose where they'd visit.
    - **Example:** "Should we visit an overdeveloped tourist hotspot or a local eco-lodge?" (SDG 12)
    - Why? Teaches decision-making & responsible tourism awareness.
- C1: Design a Responsible Travel Campaign
- How to do it:
  - Students create a **sustainable travel brochure** promoting responsible tourism.
  - They focus on **ethical tourism**, **local impact**, **and environmental concerns**.
    - Example: "How can tourism help coral reefs recover?" (SDG 14)
    - Why? Develops persuasive writing and real-world skills.

# 8. Social Media & Online Content

(Aligned with SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions, SDG 3: Good Health & Well-being, etc.)

A1-A2: Spot the Fake News



#### ★ How to do it:

- Show students real & fake online posts.
- They identify which is fake and why.
  - **Example:** "Is this viral post about vaccines true or misinformation?" (SDG 3)
  - Why? Encourages digital literacy & critical reading.
- B1-B2: Hashtag Summary & Social Impact

# How to do it:

- Students summarize an article in 5 hashtags (e.g., #CleanWater #SDG6).
- Advanced: Turn the summary into a **social media post** to raise awareness.

  - Why? Develops concise writing & social engagement skills.
- C1: Social Media Campaign Raising Awareness

# How to do it:

- Students create a social media campaign about an SDG issue.
- They write a post, design an infographic, or draft a tweet thread.
  - **Example:** "How can Gen Z fight climate change online?" (SDG 13)
  - Why? Encourages real-world digital activism & persuasive writing.