GRADE 6: FINDING BALANCE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Video Discussion



What You'll Need: • Video • Student Handout • Student Handout (Spanish)

Activity Steps

- 1. **Introduce** the video topic to students by saying: Today we're going to watch a video exploring how we balance digital media use in our lives.
- 2. **Show** the <u>Digital Life 101</u> video (1:34 minutes). (Note: Use the video video player to turn on subtitles in Spanish.)
- 3. Lead a class discussion exploring the questions below.

Distance learning option: Have students watch the video and complete the handout. If there's time, have students share their responses during a video meeting.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the benefits of being connected 24/7?

Sample responses:

- Real-time access to weather helps with planning outdoor activities, clothing, etc.
- Social media and messenger apps allow immediate communication and updates with others.
- Search engines help people find information and solutions for things.
- Music apps enable people to create, share, and listen to playlists of their favorite music.
- **2.** What are some of the benefits of doing things offline (that don't involve digital media)? Sample responses:
 - Participating in sports is fun because you get to exercise and play with others.
 - Going into nature can teach you about the world and help you feel relaxed.
 - Hanging out with people in person helps you build relationships and get to know people.
 - when you're in nature or with people, you experience everything with five senses. when
 you're online, you usually experience them with only two (sight and sound).
- **3.** What do you think is the best way to balance using digital media and doing things offline? Sample responses:
 - Answers will vary. Media balance is using media in a way that feels healthy and in balance with other life activities (family, friends, school, hobbies, etc.).



