

Teacher guide: On the scrap heap

Abstract

The workplace is the car industry where auto parts like exhaust pipes have to be saved from corrosion if stored/used. Students are supposed to plan and conduct structured experiments that provide evidence on the conditions that are best met to save the parts from corrosion. They are supposed to provide an advice sheet with the different conditions.

Discipline: chemistry **Age group**: 14-16 years **Time**: 100 minutes (2 separate lessons à 50 min)

Example lesson plan:

Lesson 1

- 10 min Students are introduced to the situation in the workplace (car industry); this can be done by a short videoclip (problem of corrosion in the car industry) or by bringing original material (corroded exhaust pipe).
- 10 min Students get their task and are introduced to the equipment
- 15 min Student plan the investigation
- 15 min Small group discussions on the different planned set-up; which one is best to come up with good results? (as the set-up mostly has to be stored for a time to see effects, it is useful to have two separate lessons and stop here)

Lesson 2

- 20 min Students observe the experiments and discuss results within their group
 10 min Plenary discussion of results
- 20 min Students work on an advice sheet about the conditions that should be met to avoid corrosion

Material:

Possible videoclip for problem statement (first 30 sec only) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I6K0INWHIs

