**Excel Day 7**

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| **Objectives** *Learners will be able to…* | **Materials** |
| ***Computer skill:*** *create own budget****Computer skill:*** *auto fill feature****Literacy skill:*** *reading comprehension* ***Review******Computer skill:*** *organize a budget****Computer skill:*** *currency function****Computer skill:*** *autosum****Literacy skill:*** *label a budget* | **Make Student Copies*** **Personal** **Budget Checklist (two per page, print one per 2 students) (Tab 14)**
* **BBC News Article (Tab 15)**

**Props, Technology or Other Resources*** Projector
* Computer for every student
* USB Drives
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| **Lesson Plan** | Vocabulary |
| **Warm-up:**Description: Draw a T Chart. List off the following words and have learners determine if the word describes an income or an expense. You can add your own and ask for student examples as well. Leave it up on the board when done.Memberships (Gym, Online)Lottery TicketsLottery PrizeGroceriesMovie TicketsEating at a RestaurantPhone cards PaycheckDividendRental IncomeRentMortgage GasMaterials/Prep: **Activity 1: AutoFill** Description: teach how to use the Autofill function to fill in dates, copy the same thing over and overMaterials/Prep: **Activity 2: Create your Own Budget**Description: learners will create a budget that lists their own income and their own expensesMaterials/Prep: copies of **Personal** **Budget Checklist (there are two copies per page)****Activity 3: Excel Reading** Description: learners will read an article about the widespread use of Excel and answer comprehension questions Materials/Prep: copies of the **BBC Article**  | * AutoFill
* Ubiquity- in the reading
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**Teacher Directions: Activity 1: AutoFill**

Step 1: Context

 For a lot of what people do in Excel, they need to list months, days of the week or years

 Instead of typing that information over and over, Excel has an **auto fill** feature

Step 2: Demonstrate-Fill in months

 Learners should have their **EYES FORWARD AND HANDS OFF OF THEIR COMPUTER**

 **Demonstrate** how to use the fill feature

Type the word January>Click on the cell>drag cursor into the corner, you should see a cursor that looks like a plus sign> Click and drag the cursor down and you will see that Excel tells you what will be entered (filled) into that cell>Let go of the cursor and there should be a list of months

Do the same across the row January is in

Step 3: Demonstrate-Fill in days

 **Ask** learners how you can undo all of those changes: *undo button*

Type the word Monday into another cell

 Go through the same steps and auto fill will fill in the days of the week

Step 4: Controlled Practice

 Learners can now use their computers

 Work as a class and practice using the auto fill function

 Remind learners which cursor they should look for

Step 5: What if it’s not a day or month? What will happen?

 Pull learners attention to the front again

 Type a word, your name, dog, lake, anything but a day or a month, into a cell

 Use the click and drag function

 **Ask** learners what happened? *Excel copied the word into all selected cells*

**Explain** that the fill function works if learners what to use the same word over and over

 This is especially helpful for advanced Excel spreadsheets

Step 6: Close without saving

**Teacher Directions: Activity 2: Create your Own Budget -Personal Budget Checklist**

Step 1: Introduce Activity

 **Explain** that today we will be working on our own budgets

 **Ask** learners what the two main categories of a budget are: *income and expenses*

**Review** how to organize a budget:

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| Budget Example |
| **Income**  |  |
| Salary | $ |
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| **Expenses** |  |
| Rent | $ |
| Grocery  | $ |

**Review** currency function

**Review** autosum

It is okay if learners do not have receipts with them to know exactly what they spent

Learners should determine their categories and then estimate what they spend on those categories

 They can always edit and put real information in later if they want to

Step 3: Practice Autofill

 In cell B2 type the current month

**** **Ask** how you would add the rest of the months of the year: *autofill*

 **Use auto fill** to put at least 6 months

 **Instruct** learners to do the same on their spreadsheets

Step 2: Checklist

Hand out **Personal** **Budget Checklist**

Read through it all together

Step 3: Create Budget

 **Instruct** learners to open a new spreadsheet and get to work

 They should have up to 45 minutes to work on the spreadsheet

Step 4: Save and Close

 **Instruct** learners to save and close their budgets when finished

**Teacher Directions: Activity 3: Excel Reading**  **-BBC News Article**

Step 1: Pre-reading

Speaking of advanced Excel Spreadsheets, we are going to do a reading about the wide-spread use of Excel

**Ask** if anyone has heard the phrase “accounting error” or someone discuss a mistake when entering data: more often than not, those errors are made in Excel



Step 2: Reading

 Hand out **BBC News Article**

Learners should circle any words of which they do not know the definition

 Once finished, learners should attempt to answer the questions attached

Remind them read the questions before they start the reading and then scan the text for the answers at the end

**Instruct** learners to read through the passage quietly

Step 3: Review Answers

 Go over the answers/responses with the learners

 Learners should have circled words they do not know the definition of, how do we find those?

 Use a dictionary

 Most likely circled: ubiquity, austerity, tentatively, austerity, sequestered

 Try to use it in context

 NOTE: The article brings up graphs; this will be discussed during a later day of class.

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* At least 5 categories, if you have extra time, there should be extra categories
* All dollar values should be represented as such
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* Label all columns and rows
* Include the total amount for all columns
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****MAGAZINE

**20 April 2013**

**The mysterious powers of Microsoft Excel**

**After two Harvard economists admitted a faulty spreadsheet calculation caused errors in a study used by numerous politicians to support their austerity policies, writer Colm O'Regan pays tribute to the power of Microsoft Excel.**

They called it a "coding error". This made it sound like they were sequestered in a bunker surrounded with some high-tech touch screens with lines and lines of information moving past. Instead it was just someone using Excel on a laptop who was highlighting cells for a formula and released his index finger from the left-clicky button of his mouse too soon.

The debate has raged - well raged is a strong word, perhaps sulked? - since Monday about the significance of the calculation mistake made by Reinhart and Rogoff in their 2010 paper for the American Economic Review, Growth in a Time of Debt.

The main point to take from this debacle is the truly awesome power of Excel. Not its processing ability, just its ubiquity. As much as oil and water, our lives are governed by Excel. As you read these lines somewhere in the world, your name is being dragged from cell C25 to D14 on a roster. Such a simple action, yet now you'll be asked to work on your day off. It is useless to protest…

…Only very few of us will truly harness the full capabilities of the 31-year old machine. Most people will only tentatively sum up the odd column but there are others who can really make that the old engine fly. I still remember looking over a colleague's shoulder at a spreadsheet which had a button in the middle of it. A BUTTON! Raised above the plain of the worksheet. Instantly I fell to my knees in worship.

Try it now - take some time to play with formulas and Excel will reward you generously, with magic. There are hundreds, from the simple IF, to the rather rude CUMIPMT, all the way to MIRR - the formula for operating a space station.

Of course, Excel will not always reward you. You may have made a mistake in the formula. Excel won't tolerate this. It will send you packing, Or you've inserted a chart where everything is zero apart from one thing which is infinity, and Excel will say nothing.

Excel fans are often treated negatively…but spreadsheets have a beauty all of their own.

They speak to a need deep inside of us to arrange things in rows and columns. Ever since the first town planners pored over drawings of grids in the Indus Valley, man has wanted to locate points by how far over and up they were.

And now these rows and columns are used in spreadsheets processing billions of dollars of trades - often wrongly. But spreadsheets don't cheat people. People cheat people.

1. What is the main idea of this article?
	1. Excel is impossible to manage.
	2. Excel is old.
	3. Everyone uses Excel and hates it.
	4. Excel’s use is widespread and oftentimes given a bad reputation, but with patience can be understood.
2. What is one thing you learned and/or found interesting about this article?
3. What uses of Excel are listed in this article?

**Answer key for Teachers:**

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2. C
3. Ask students for their answers.
4. Spreadsheets, education, economy, calculations