

# GREEN-EDU Learning Activity

Title: Factors affecting photosynthesis

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<i>Lesson plan summary</i>	
<b>Subject</b>	Green Engineering and Robotics
<b>Topic</b>	<i>Effect of light intensity on photosynthesis</i>
<b>Age of students</b>	<i>Secondary 12-14</i>
<b>Preparation time</b>	<i>15 Minutes</i>
<b>Teaching time</b>	<i>2*40 Minutes</i>
<b>Online teaching material (links for online material)</b>	<a href="https://www.haberler.com/kapali-seralarda-led-armatur-ile-sala-talik-12359201-haberi/">https://www.haberler.com/kapali-seralarda-led-armatur-ile-sala-talik-12359201-haberi/</a> <a href="https://www.dha.com.tr/ekonomi/kapali-ortamda-led-aydinlatma-ile-domates-yetistirdiler/haber-1640255">https://www.dha.com.tr/ekonomi/kapali-ortamda-led-aydinlatma-ile-domates-yetistirdiler/haber-1640255</a>
<b>Offline teaching material</b>	

## Aim of the lesson

By the end of this lesson students will:







- realize that the intensity of light affects the speed of photosynthesis,
- discover how the speed of photosynthesis changes with the intensity of light,
- acquire analytical thinking skills with the information they obtain,
- realize that scientific process skills are developed and positive attitudes towards the course are provided.

## Trends

STE(A)M Learning / Collaborative Learning / Problem-based learning

## Activities

Describe here in detail all the activities during the lesson and the time they require. Remember, that your lesson plan needs to revolve around the topic of green engineering and robotics.

Name of activity	Procedure	Time
Engage-1	<p><a href="https://www.haberler.com/kapali-seralarda-led-armatur-ile-sala-talik-12359201-haberi/">https://www.haberler.com/kapali-seralarda-led-armatur-ile-sala-talik-12359201-haberi/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.dha.com.tr/ekonomi/kapali-ortamda-led-aydinlatma-ile-domates-yetistirdiler/haber-1640255">https://www.dha.com.tr/ekonomi/kapali-ortamda-led-aydinlatma-ile-domates-yetistirdiler/haber-1640255</a></p>	5 min
Explore-1	<p>After the news in the engage part is discussed, the students are told the following: "While using technology, it is essential to consider the geographical features of the region you are in. this is very important for the method to be used. Then students are asked ' if you were a tomato producer living in northern countries, how would you use the light in the most efficient way for your plants to grow?'. Students are asked to answer the question using their own imagination and to say their opinion.</p>	10 min
Explain-1	<p>Effect of Light Intensity on Photosynthesis Material List to be Used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arduino Robotic Coding Board</li> <li>2. Mq-1355 Air Quality Measurement Module</li> <li>3. 2 led bulbs with 500 and 1500 lumens light intensity</li> <li>4. 2 pieces of bulb holder</li> <li>5. Connection cables</li> <li>6. Mblock IDE program</li> </ol> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1. Arduino Uno</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2. Mq-1355 sensor</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>3. Bulb</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>4. bulb holder and cables</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>5. Connection cables</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>6. Mblock IDE</p> </div> </div> <p>The Data Obtained: Two experimental setups with different light intensities and the same variables will be established with the above materials. CO2 sensors will be used to measure the CO2 data decreasing from the environments with different intensity values. These data will be between 0-1024 due to the feature of the Arduino Robotic Coding Card.</p>	5 min

	<p>Expectation: As the light intensity increases, the speed of photosynthesis increases to certain level and then continues at a constant speed. It is expected that experiment setups to be installed will perform more photosynthesis in the environment with high luminous intensity and decrease the decrease the CO<sub>2</sub> level significantly, and less photosynthesis in the low luminous intensity and a lo6+wlevel of CO<sub>2</sub>.</p>	
<p>Elaborate-1</p>	<p>After explaining to students, the experimental setup that we will determine the effect of light intensity on photosynthesis, detailed information about the subject is conveyed to students with expository teaching and the experiment is done. The light energy emitted by a light source per unit time is called light intensity. Light intensity varies in proportion to the intensity of light and the distance of light from the plant. The effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis increases just like the effect of the amount of carbon dioxide on the rate of photosynthesis, but remains constant after a certain point. Based on this information, we can say that the photosynthesis rate will react differently in long-lived plants and differently in short-lived plants.</p> <div data-bbox="422 896 909 1209"> <p>Fotosentez hızı</p> <p>Yüksek ışık şiddeti</p> <p>Orta ışık şiddeti</p> <p>Düşük ışık şiddeti</p> <p>CO<sub>2</sub> yoğunluğu (% hacim)</p> <p>0,05 0,1 0,15 0,2</p> </div> <div data-bbox="422 1243 909 1635"> <p>Fotosentez hızı</p> <p>Uzun gün bitkisinde (Güneş seven bitki)</p> <p>Kısa gün bitkisinde (Gölge seven bitki)</p> <p>0 5000 10000 15000 20000</p> <p>Işık şiddeti</p> </div> <p>We assume that the light intensity and carbon dioxide together affect the rate of photosynthesis. When an increase is observed in both of them, the rate of the photosynthesis increases, but then it continues steadily.</p> <p><b>Measuring the Effect of Light Intensity on Photosynthesis</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To create the necessary test environment to measure the effect of light intensity on photosynthesis.</p> <p>In order to perform this experiment, CO<sub>2</sub> sensor will be used to measure the decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> gas after photosynthesis in 2 different</p>	<p>20 min</p>

experimental environments illuminated with LEDs with different light intensity. Since the CO<sub>2</sub> in the environment is converted to O<sub>2</sub> by the plants after photosynthesis, we can say that the light intensity used in the experimental environment is accelerating photosynthesis in any experimental environment.

#### Measuring the CO<sub>2</sub> level

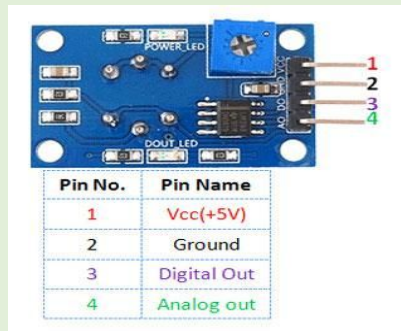
Inclusion of Mq-135 Sensor in the project: Establishment of electronic and robotic experiment environment in order to observe the changing CO<sub>2</sub> level in the environment:

#### Necessary materials:

- 1 x Arduino Uno Robotic Coding Board
- 1 x Breadboard
- 2 x Mq-135 CO<sub>2</sub> level measurement sensor
- 10 x Jumper cable
- 1 x 500 Lumen Led Bulb
- 1 x 1500 Lumen Led Bulb

#### Introduction of Mq-135 Sensor and Pin Outputs:

It has 4 pins of the Mq-135 sensor we are using. These are VCC, GND, AOUT and DOUT pins. If it is necessary to define its functions:



Vcc: Pin to which the voltage required for the operation of the device is given  
 GND: Pin required for the completion of the electrical circuit  
 DOUT: Digital Output Pin of the data from the sensor (0 or 1).  
 AOUT: Analog Output Pin of the data coming from the sensor (0-1024).

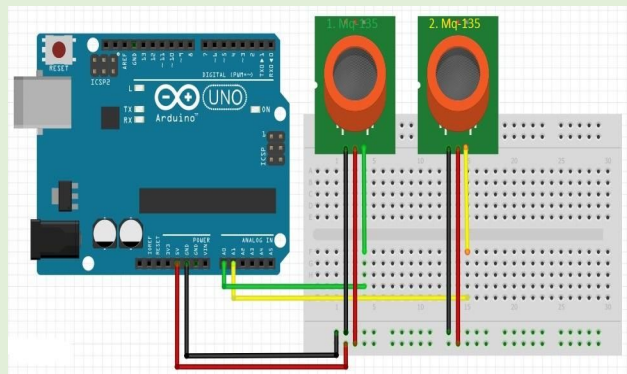
#### Making Circuit Connections:

First of all, we prepare two experimental environments that we isolate from the external environment as light intensity, light color, CO<sub>2</sub> level and temperature. We light the first experiment environment with a 500 Lumen LED bulb, and the second with a 1500 Lumen LED bulb. Since we need to measure the CO<sub>2</sub> level of our two experimental environments, we need to make the connections by placing our two CO<sub>2</sub> sensors on our Arduino Robotic Board.

1. We connect the Vcc pins of our 1.CO<sub>2</sub> sensors to the Vcc (5V) pin, which we get from Arduino, indicated by the red cable as below.
2. Likewise, we connect the GND pins of our CO<sub>2</sub> sensors from the Arduino and connect them to the

GND pin, which is indicated by a black cable in the figure below.

3. We connect the AOUT pin of our first Mq-135 sensor to the A0 pin of the Arduino with the green cable as shown below, and place this first sensor in the experimental environment where we light it with a 500 Lumen LED.
4. We connect the AOUT pin of our second Mq-135 sensor with the yellow cable to the A1 pin of the Arduino as below figure and place this Second sensor in the experimental environment where we light it with 1500 Lumen LEDs.



Connection cables diagram between Arduino and Mq-135 Sensors

Arduino Mq-135

5V -----> Vcc (To activate the device)

GND -----> GND (To complete the power circuit)

A0 -----> 1. Mq-135 AOUT (To read the data from the sensor)

A1 -----> 2. Mq-135 AOUT (To read the data from

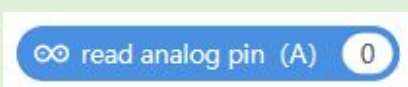


The application we will use for coding is the Mblock program. This application is a tool that allows us to do robotic coding by dragging and dropping blocks without the need for programming language knowledge. The coding block is on top.

Application guide:

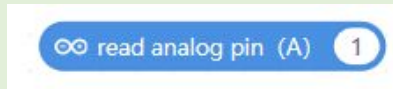
Analog arrow pin (A0) block:

Indicates that data from the A0 Analog pin of Arduino is read.



Analog arrow pin (A1) block:

Indicates that the data from the A1 Analog pin of the Arduino is read



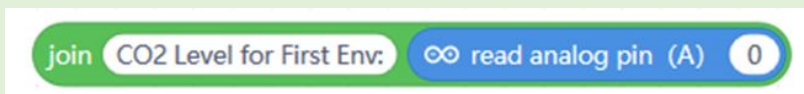
Combine block () with ():

It is the block that indicates that the text or variables in the second bracket will be combined in the text sent to the computer via USB cable.



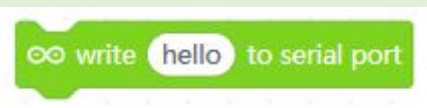
Combined Block:

It combines the "First Environment CO2 Level" with the value from Arduino's A0 Analog Pi.



Write () serial port block:

It enables the variable that comes in parentheses to be sent to the computer via serial port (USB cable to the computer). Since there is data from the A0 Analog pin in the parenthesis, the sensor data will go to the computer.



Combine () with () and Write to Serial Port block:



It combines what is written in parentheses and sends this value to the Serial port (computer). Here it will combine the "First environment CO2 Level" and the value read from the A0 pin of Arduino (the value from the CO2 sensor) and write to the Serial port (send it to the computer)



() sec wait block:

When the Arduino Robotic Coding card sees this block, it will wait without doing anything for the given seconds. In our experiment, since we have to get the data every 60 seconds, 60 value was entered into our waiting block.



	<p>Repeat block: As long as Arduino is open, it provides continuous repetition of the blocks placed in it. Thus, data from two CO2 sensors will be read one after another and sent to the computer via serial port and will be waited for 60 seconds. This process will be done continuously unless Arduino is closed.</p>  <p>The block when Arduino Uno starts:</p> <p>This block represents energizing the Arduino Robotic Coding device. It means that code blocks added as a chain will be executed when energized and started to run. Since the "Continuous repeat block" is added as a chain to the "When Arduino Uno starts" block, when the Arduino device is energized, the processes we defined in the "constant repeat block" above will be performed.</p> 	
<p>5. Evaluation</p>	<p>After 2 different student groups are randomly created by the instructor, they are expected to analyze the result and create a graphic. The aim of the trainer is to transfer the knowledge acquired by the student to the analytical thinking skill.</p>	<p>10 min</p>
		<p>X min</p>

## Assessment

Describe here the assessment method of the lesson, if any. For example, if you plan on assessing your students with a quiz, include here questions and answer options with color-coding the correct answers.