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Development of 21 AR exercises on the 3DBear **App addressed to** students with SEN

SPECIFICALLY ASD





DISCLAIMERS & GENERAL INFORMATION

One of the objectives of the Erasmus+ project 'Bit the Spectrum - Augmented and Virtual Reality Technologies to Boost Literary and Social Emotion Skills in Autism Spectrum Disorder Students', co-funded by the European Union (project code: 2021-1-DE02-KA220-VET-000033091), is to provide innovative tools for teachers, trainers and tutors to offer diverse learning methods to students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

To achieve this goal, exercises were developed within the Bit the Spectrum project that use augmented reality (AR) in a simple and intuitive way to depict everyday actions and improve the literacy, social and emotional skills of students with ASD.

For educators and teachers, the biggest challenge in using 3D or AR technologies is understanding how to use them in practice. The main obstacle is the lack of knowledge and skills needed to use these technologies and understand their solutions. Why use AR? Because it connects the real world with the virtual world by superimposing virtual elements on what we see. Starting from a real situation, AR enhances reality, helping the user in concrete contexts.

The exercises developed by the consortium are based on the specific characteristics of students with ASD and are designed to be easy to use. The following guide describes the 21 AR exercises developed within the Bit the Spectrum project consortium to support students with autism spectrum disorder in developing literacy, social and emotional skills through innovative AR tools.

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As mentioned, the following exercises have been developed within the consortium of the Bit the Spectrum project to support Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students in developing literacy, social and emotional skills through innovative Augmented Reality (AR) tools.

A set of 21 Augmented Reality exercises is here described in specific templates, considering the expected results, specific learning disorder addressed and possible feedback to be requested from the users (teachers and educator or student, depending on the specific exercise).

The descriptive templates also contain the technical description of the use of the 3Dbear app, the activity to be performed in the exercise, useful instructions for its development, and the AR material needed for each specific exercise (images, text, shapes etc.). The templates have been designed on the features and functionalities of the free version of the 3Dbear app, where the integrated version of the exercises will also be found. The term 'user' in the descriptive templates indicates that these exercises, despite being created for VET students with SEN, specifically ASD, are open to other students or users with ASD in general. The difficulty of the exercises, from 1 less demanding to 3, more demanding, was determined through consultations with the educational staff of the LUOVI partner.

The exercises have been described to support students (users in general) the exercises will be codeveloped according to the R2 methodology for Augmented Reality and based on the 3DBears app, but are also transferable to other Augmented Reality platforms available on the market, such as Augmented Class! The exercises are meant to be markerless, which means that augmented information is displayed without the need for a marker such as a QR code or an image. Moreover, the app itself is designed to be easy to use for both students and teachers.

Key points

The explained exercises are designed for the app 3DBear which can be downloaded for free on tablets and smartphones

The exercises are all marker-less so should be easily developed, however, some exercises might need supervision from teachers

All exercises will not suit every student since every single one of them has specific and unique needs

The exercises are thought to be developed by students with ASD to boost their literacy and social-emotional skills through an informal learning tool: AR

The exercises are part of different categories (linked to the learning potential addressed) for each specific exercise and determined by the partners in the ideation phase. Each category aims to address one learning potential to be boosted through the AR exercises:

- 1. Imagine\ redesign the world
- 2. Emotional Skills
- 3. Worklife
- 4. Independent Life
- 5. Assembly

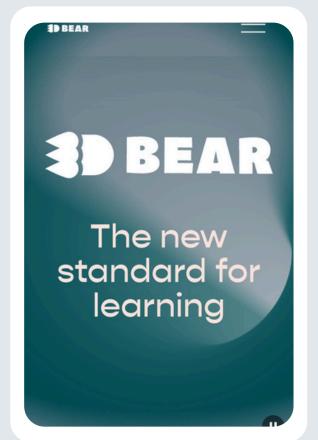
It is important to respect and protect privacy: when framing a part of the housework environment or some public space, the teachers\ educator will have to be careful to ensure to not frame people, personal belongings, or private documents.

The benefits of the exercises will be:

Increase self- esteem and self-awareness	Develop awareness about AR
Increase reading and writing skills	Increase communication skills with other people
Boost their interest in people around them	Understand how to ask for things clearly and specifically
Boost their focus at school	Exercises will be available in 3DBear app and open to the public at no cost

INSTRUCTIONS

How to Use 3DBear App?



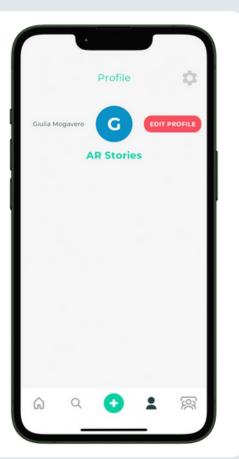


For Phone or Tablet



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Open the 3DBear application (free) on your phone. Install it if it is not installed.



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Select the "+" symbol



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Select 3D models from the collections



4

Add more 3d-models by pressing the left symbol



5

Place the object. When you see this green symbol, you may place the object by clicking it



6

You can change the size of the object by activating the object and moving two fingers simultaneously on the screen

*Tip: You can easily copy the model by clicking "duplicate".



7

If you want to start creation again, press the right upper symbol. This will delete the models and you can start again.



8

Take a picture by clicking on the circle. If you want to take a video, press the button down longer.



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Check your pictures\ videos from the collection



10

From the collection, share your photo\video as instructed

Examples of pictures created with 3DBear App as an outcome of specifically developed exercises

Exercise 2: The furniture I need at home



Exercise 6: The elephant in the room – Show something that others may not see



Below is the description of the exercises





The furniture

Exercise 2

I need at home







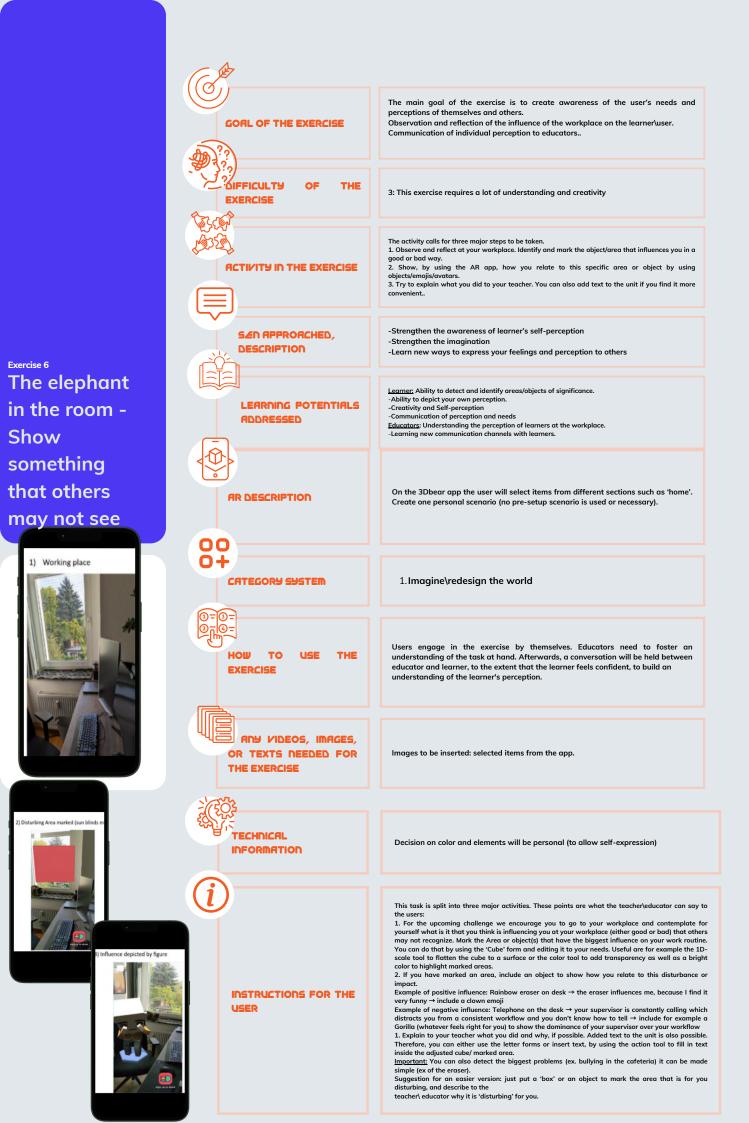
Follow a recipe





Design your workplace!







From

Exercise 7

emotions to words



to think about how to specify differences in the different emotions.



Nutritional Value





Be on time







Outdoor fun





What is the place where you feel good





What makes a person good-natured or badtempered



Example: Considering the person in the picture, watching films on PC will negatively influence that person who will become lazy and not responsive (item selected: PC).

On the other hand, sports will positively influence the person who will become more active and energetic (item selected: volleyball ball). What can be observed?

The user analysed the person, asked questions and understood

'Laziness and being energetic' as negative and positive feelings.



Exercise 14 A picture that increases good mood when sad





Things that put you in a good mood





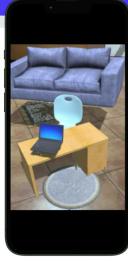
If you had a pet, what would it be?







Furniture and other accessories necessary for living. Group assignment





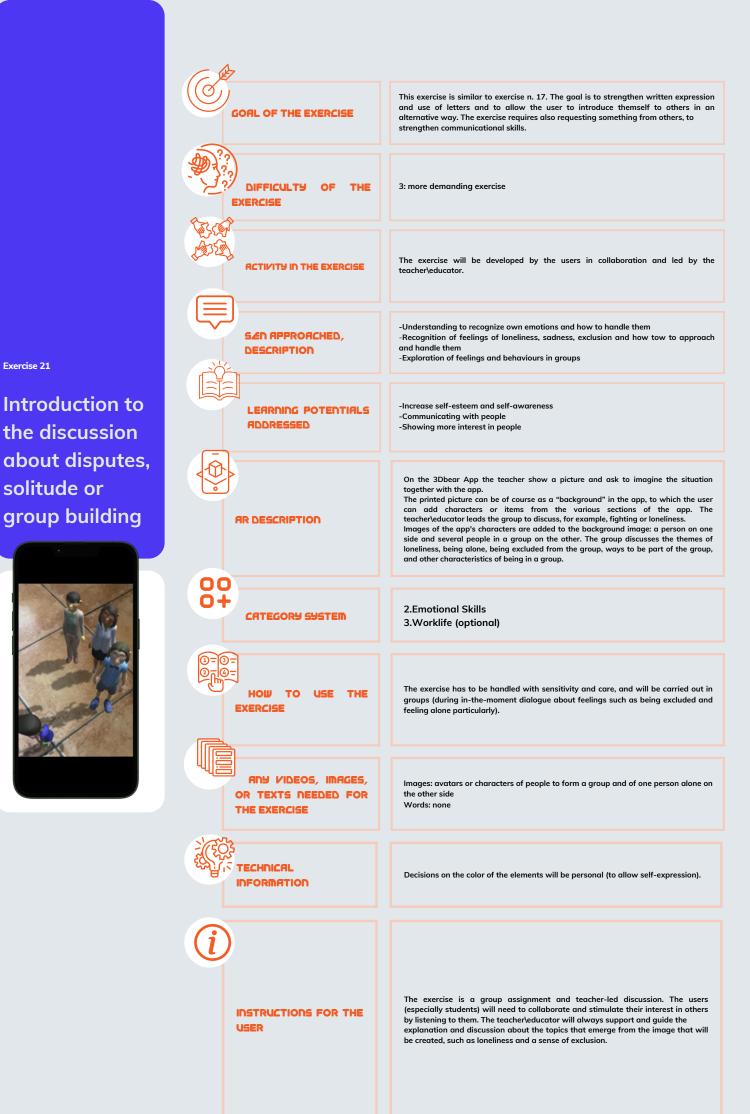
Important things in life





Who are you + letters





GENERAL INFORMATION

All exercises were created on the basis of the features and functionality of the 3Dbear app but can also be replicated on other similar apps.

The exercises were created as an expected result within the project <u>Bit the Spectrum</u>, co-funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme.

The consortium partners endeavoured to gather technical information, develop exercise prototypes and collect feedback from professionals in the field (teachers of students with ASD) in order to ensure the most appropriate result possible. The development phase of the exercise design also relied on important feedback from students, feedback that enabled and ensured adjustments in the development of the AR exercises.

The exercises were created with the aim of being open to the public in a totally free and accessible manner.

The project partners collaborated constantly to achieve this result:

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