

Module 5: Bitcoin in the Real World

Teacher Overview

This module shifts from theory to practice. Students will explore how Bitcoin is used around the world today — from buying goods to preserving wealth during currency crises. The lesson highlights the real benefits and challenges people face when using Bitcoin as money in daily life.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Identify ways Bitcoin is used to buy goods and services
- Describe how Bitcoin helps people in countries with unstable currencies
- Recognize global trends in Bitcoin adoption
- Evaluate the pros and cons of using Bitcoin in daily life

Key Concepts to Cover

- Real-life use cases: Buying items, paying employees, sending remittances
- Bitcoin in developing countries: Preserving value, bypassing broken banking systems
- Remittances: Fast, low-cost international transfers
- Merchant adoption: How businesses accept Bitcoin and why
- Global examples: El Salvador, Nigeria, Argentina, Venezuela
- Challenges: Volatility, internet access, education gaps

Discussion Questions

- Would you use Bitcoin to buy something? Why or why not?
- How could Bitcoin help someone who lives in a country with a failing currency?
- What do you think is the biggest barrier to using Bitcoin as money today?
- What does it take for a community or business to start accepting Bitcoin?

Suggested Activities

- Bitcoin Around the World Map: Have students research how Bitcoin is used in different countries and mark examples on a world map.
- Spend vs. Save: Give students a fictional amount of Bitcoin and let them decide how they'd use it — spend it, save it, send it — and explain their choices.
- Bitcoin Business Roleplay: In small groups, students act as business owners deciding whether or not to accept Bitcoin. They list pros and cons and share their decision with the class.

Extension and Homework

- Watch: [Follow The Money #1 - Bitcoin in El Salvador](#) (35 min)
- Read: [How Bitcoin Helps People in Failing Economies](#)
- Write: A short reflection or essay answering: “Do you think Bitcoin could become everyday money in your community? Why or why not?”