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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/07/14

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

#### Student A questions

- 1) Name the city and country.
- 2) Who is not taking part?
- 3) Name the stadiums.
- 4) How many nations are taking part?
- 5) Name three other sports that are taking place at the games.

#### Student B questions

- 1) Name three sports that will be in the games.
- 2) How many sports are there?
- 3) Name the celebrities at the opening ceremony.
- 4) Where were the games held in 1970 and 1986?
- 5) How many athletes are taking part?

**Category: Sport / Commonwealth Games 2014 / Glasgow  
Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**Commonwealth Games**'. *One-two minutes.* Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – Select four sports from the list on page 1 that you have played. Write them below. Talk about them. Which is your favourite? Why?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Add four sports from the article you have never played. Would you consider trying them? Explain.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

### WRITING / SPEAKING / DRAWING

*On the board as a class/In pairs* – List four different things you know about The Commonwealth.

Make a list of 10 or more Commonwealth countries! Draw them on a map on the board – or better still Google them! *5 mins.*

*The teacher* will choose some students to hear their explanations.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you ever been to Scotland? If yes, where and when?
- 3) Will you be watching the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow?
- 4) What is your favourite sport?
- 5) What sport do you like to watch on TV?
- 6) Which country might get the most medals at the Commonwealth Games this year?
- 7) What do you think of Kylie Minogue?
- 8) Why is The Gambia not taking part in the Commonwealth Games?
- 9) Have you ever tried judo as a sport? What is it?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* You are one of the following four guests or are the interviewer. You are in the Radio Clyde *FM* studio. Today's interview is: *Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. 10 mins.*

- 1) A taxi driver.
- 2) An athlete.
- 3) A hotel owner.
- 4) A spectator.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* *Student A* is student at university living in Glasgow. *Student B* is a visiting spectator. You meet in a pub. Start a conversation about the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. *3 mins.*

### SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

#### Glasgow

*Talk about – the city, sport, nightlife, culture, food, people, industry, tourism, and nearby tourist attractions.*

*Add two categories of your own.*

*Use Google to help you!*

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Have you ever tried lawn bowls as a sport? If no, why not?
- 3) What do you think about Celtic football club?
- 4) Think of three things you know about Susan Boyle?
- 5) Think of three things you know about Rod Stewart.
- 6) Explain what wrestling is?
- 7) What is badminton?
- 8) Will you or did you watch the opening and closing ceremonies at this year's Commonwealth Games?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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### **GAP FILL: READING**

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**famous / finalist / stadium / host / previously / legendary / athletes / coaches /**

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**ceremony / territories / triathlon / medal / official / mascot / nations / perform**

### **GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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**in / by / on / the / and / this / ever / with**

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**those / that / other / also / from / that / there / though**

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### GAP FILL: LISTENING

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### WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs, as a class* - write down **20 different things about Scotland**. Talk about them! 5 mins.

**2) Sentence starters** - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) Glasgow \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) My favourite sport \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The Commonwealth \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games**. Your email can be read out in class.

#### GAP FILL READING

- 1) host
- 2) athletes
- 3) coaches
- 4) legendary
- 5) finalist
- 6) stadium
- 7) famous
- 8) previously

#### SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) Commonwealth
- 2) event
- 3) between
- 4) gymnastics
- 5) official
- 6) Glasgow
- 7) mascot
- 8) ceremony
- 9) stadium
- 10) Australian

#### ANSWERS

- 1) territories
- 2) nations
- 3) medal
- 4) triathlon
- 5) official
- 6) mascot
- 7) ceremony
- 8) perform

#### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) legendary
- 12) together
- 13) perform
- 14) finalist
- 15) territories
- 16) though
- 17) through
- 18) weightlifting
- 19) triathlon
- 20) squash

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