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The Duke and Duchess are now in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, representing the Queen as part of her Diamond Jubilee tour of South East Asia and the South Pacific.

Category: Royal family / Duchess of Cambridge / Photos
Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate

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EXERCISES

1. The Duchess of Cambridge: Think of three things you know about the Duchess of Cambridge. Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. Reading: The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. The article: Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) **Discuss the article**

6. Geography: Malaysia, the Solomon Islands and France: Where are they? Draw a map on the board then **look on Google maps** to help you.

7. Duke and Duchess of Cambridge topless photos story: In pairs find five things from the article about the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge topless photos story. Then add five other things you know about it. Write them below. Discuss together.

From the article	What <u>you</u> know about this story
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____

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

8. Let's think! In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge**. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

9. Let's roleplay 1: In pairs. You are in France. You are on a tour of Paris when you hear about the topless photos scandal. Start a conversation about it. *5-minutes*.

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10. Let's roleplay 2: In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Debate FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge topless photos published in a French magazine.*

1	A journalist	3	A lawyer
2	Laurence Pieau	4	Prince William

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

11. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) Name the royal couple.
- 2) Name the magazines.
- 3) Name the countries.
- 4) Name the capitals.
- 5) Name the newspaper.

Student B

- 1) Name the media group.
- 2) Who is Laurence Pieau?
- 3) Who does the couple represent?
- 4) Where is the couple now?
- 5) Where were the offensive photos taken?

12. A day in the life of French paparazzi photographer: With your partner describe a day in the life of a French paparazzi photographer. Include what that person did, what they wore, where they went, the tricks they went to in order to get the photos they wanted, etc...

The teacher can choose some pairs to put their findings on the board.

13. Countries: In pairs, think of five things you know about Malaysia. Then add things you know about the Solomon Islands. Write them below. Discuss together.

Malaysia	Solomon Islands
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____

15. Let's write an e-mail: Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: ***Duchess of Cambridge topless photos.*** Your e-mail can be read out in class.

16. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) The topless photos _____
- b) Prince William _____
- c) The Duchess _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Are you surprised to learn it was a French female magazine editor that chose to print these photos?
- 3) Can the British Royal Family really censor these photos in the internet world we live in today?
- 4) Are these photos 'shocking'?
- 5) Why do you think the Irish Daily Star is now closing down?
- 6) What has been the reaction of people in your country to this news story?
- 7) Is this story 'a little disproportionate'?
- 8) Surely the Royal couple should have known better than to party topless knowing there was no fence to shield their antics?
- 9) Should the Duke and Duchess in the future give France 'a wide berth' i.e. avoid the country?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) What would the Duke do if the Google Street View vehicle had driven down the road in the French countryside taking 360° photos that had caught the Duchess topless?
- 3) Does the average French woman simply 'pout her cheeks' at this story and say 'so what'?
- 4) Why are the British press not publishing these photos?
- 5) Have you seen the offending photos?
- 6) Should the royal party have had better security to stop the paparazzi taking these photos?
- 7) Is Prince William right to take the French magazine to court?
- 8) What would you do in this situation?
- 9) What lessons have been learnt from this situation?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's discuss! The Duchess of Cambridge - topless photos

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

20 things about: The Duchess of Cambridge - topless photos news story

The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GAP FILL: LISTENING:

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	thunder	11	disproportionate
2	grotesque	12	terrace
3	unjustifiable	13	reaction
4	invasion	14	publication
5	immediately	15	visible
6	editor	16	topless
7	breach	17	sunbathing
8	magazine	18	absolutely
9	distribution	19	privacy
10	responsible	20	protect

LINKS

http://edition.cnn.com/2012/09/17/world/europe/uk-royals-photo-controversy/index.html?hpt=ie_u_c1

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19631591>

<http://news.sky.com/story/986345/french-court-to-rule-over-topless-kate-photos>

ANSWERS

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