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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/09/16

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### SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about Singapore. 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) Where is Singapore?
- 2) Where is Switzerland?
- 3) Where is Sweden?
- 4) Name the bank.
- 5) How many countries and people took part in the survey?

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do 1-in-4 expats want?
- 2) Give three reasons why Singapore topped the expat list.
- 3) What is expat short for?
- 4) What was Sweden voted top for?
- 5) What was New Zealand voted top for?

Note\*\* - expat – is short for expatriate

**Category: Lifestyle / Living / Expatriates**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* - Think of three reasons to be an expat. Write them below and discuss.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

*In pairs* - Think of three advantages and three disadvantages to be an expat, in Singapore. Write them below and discuss. The advantages:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

The disadvantages.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKING - PRESENTATION**

*Allow 5 minutes prep* – As a class.

Prepare a two minute presentation on:  
*Living in Singapore as an expat*

*The teacher can moderate the session.*

**DISCUSSION**

**Student A questions**

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What destination might you like to live and work, if you were an expatriate?
- 3) What makes Singapore so appealing for expats?
- 4) Where would you like to live, to boost your career?
- 5) Are the risks of living abroad lower than the advantages?
- 6) Have you ever been to Singapore?
- 7) Would you like to live in New Zealand?
- 8) Why is Sweden popular for expats?
- 9) Is your country popular for expats to live in? Explain why, or why not!
- 10) Do you need to speak English to live abroad?

**SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1**

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio Singapore* studio, in Singapore. Today's interview, in English, is: *Singapore is expats' top place to live in 2016.*

- 1) A holidaymaker from your country.
- 2) A tour guide in Singapore.
- 3) A European/Asian holidaymaker.
- 4) A travel writer from the USA.

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

**SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2**

*In pairs.* You are in a café/pub in Singapore. Start a conversation about being an expat in Singapore. One of you is just visiting the country. *3-5 mins.*

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 1**

*In pairs / As a group* – Choose three of the top ten destinations expats' like to live in 2016. Compare and discuss each. What makes them so attractive? *5 mins.*

**SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 2**

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

*Discuss the following...*

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**DISCUSSION**

**Student B questions**

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What are the risks of living abroad?
- 3) Would you consider living abroad to boost your career?
- 4) Would you like to live in any other Far Eastern countries? Explain.
- 5) Why is Europe a popular destination for expats to live?
- 6) Is money the most important thing, when living abroad?
- 7) Why would you live abroad?
- 8) How important is family when you live abroad?
- 9) How would you communicate, if you lived abroad?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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**GAP FILL: READING**

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**expats / significantly / global / Singapore / business / annual / nearly / wages**

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**survey / destinations / social integration / kids / careers / boost / define / abroad**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**WRITING / SPEAKING / DRAWING**

**1) On the board** - *In pairs/small groups* – Draw a map of Singapore. List on it the best places to visit, and the things you might do, if you visited the island. (Google it!) 5-10 mins.

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

- 1) Singapore \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Expats' \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I would \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Write down 50 words about: *Singapore is expats' top place to live in 2016.*** Your words can be read out in class.

**4) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Singapore is expats' top place to live in 2016.*** Your email can be read out in class.

**SPELLING**

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

- 1) countries
- 2) quality
- 3) significantly
- 4) integration
- 5) safest
- 6) purpose
- 7) consider
- 8) destinations
- 9) define
- 10) experiences

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) currently
- 12) original
- 13) nearly
- 14) Czechia
- 15) Bahrain
- 16) executives
- 17) annual
- 18) survey
- 19) healthier
- 20) business