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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/06/15

Healthcare in Britain

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Staff want to care for their patients but are suffering from pressure of work. There is a shortage of GPs. Thousands face unacceptable waits for operations. Families are now being crippled for social care, especially with elderly and vulnerable people not getting the help they need. People with dementia are not getting the long term help they deserve. By 2020, an NHS funding deficit is forecast of £30bn. Some rethinking of the NHS needs to happen!

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about healthcare in Britain. 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) What does NHS stand for?
- 2) Name the baby unit.
- 3) Which women from outside the UK are visiting the maternity wards?
- 4) What is at breaking point? Why?
- 5) What is the funding deficit for 2020?

Student B questions

- 1) What is dementia?
- 2) What needs to happen?
- 3) What is the alternative to the NHS?
- 4) What is free?
- 5) What do thousands face?

Note: The NHS whilst 'FREE' is actually paid for through peoples 'National Insurance' payments

Category: UK / National Health Service / Hospitals
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Write down six different wards you will find at a hospital.

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| 1) _____ | 4) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 6) _____ |

Now compare these wards with what you have in your country. Google it!

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Look at the following selection:-

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Doctors surgery | 4) NHS healthcare |
| 2) Dementia | 5) Private healthcare |
| 3) Nurses | 6) Austerity cuts in healthcare |

Discuss and compare the differences between each point on how it is in your country and in Britain. Google it!

The teacher will choose some pairs to hear their findings.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) How does healthcare in Britain compare with your country?
- 3) Think of three advantages of healthcare in Britain.
- 4) Think of three disadvantages of healthcare in Britain.
- 5) Why is the NHS at breaking point?
- 6) Is healthcare free in your country? Explain.
- 7) Why should foreigners get free healthcare in Britain?
- 8) If foreigners who live in Britain pay into the system surely they should get free healthcare?
- 9) What makes the NHS special?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *Healthcare in Britain.*

- 1) A Russian speaking woman from Latvia.
- 2) A French woman.
- 3) An English person.
- 4) A nurse from a hospital.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* is a news reporter in London. *Student B* is a nurse's union representative. *Student A* interviews *Student B* about working conditions and the pressure staff are under in your country or in Britain. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

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The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Is your healthcare system under threat?
- 3) What happens if you break a leg in your country?
- 4) Is there a shortage of GPs in your country? Why?
- 5) How long does it take to become a GP in your country?
- 6) Would you like to work in the health service in your country?
- 7) Would you like to work in the health service in Britain?
- 8) If you are an unemployed foreigner living in Britain legally or illegally should you be entitled to free healthcare? Explain!
- 9) Why should Russian speaking women get free healthcare in the UK? Explain.
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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Indeed the NHS is a (5)___ draw for migrants who come to the UK in search of a better life. Why? Because most things in the NHS are FREE. There are (6)___, like a visit to the doctors, and a visit to the dentist, but if you break a leg and need (7)___ and emergency then it is indeed all FREE if you are (8)___ in the UK.

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Staff want to care for their patients but are suffering from pressure of work. There is a shortage of GPs. Thousands face unacceptable waits for operations. Families are now being crippled for social care, especially with (4)___ and (5)___ people not getting the help they need. People with (6)___ are not getting the long term help they deserve. By 2020, an NHS funding (7)___ is (8)___ of £30bn. Some rethinking of the NHS needs to happen!

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board – As a class / In pairs - List 10 things you will find in a ward. Add another ten things you will find in a hospital. *Five minutes. Discuss together.*

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

- 1) Healthcare _____
- 2) Hospitals _____
- 3) The NHS _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Healthcare in Britain**. 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) wonderful
- 2) healthcare
- 3) hospitals
- 4) patients
- 5) enormous
- 6) strain
- 7) maturity
- 8) benefits
- 9) emergency
- 10) accident

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) considerable
- 12) unacceptable
- 13) operations
- 14) vulnerable
- 15) dementia
- 16) rethinking
- 17) pressure
- 18) beyond
- 19) austerity
- 20) bypass

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