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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/10/13

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about London. 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 is a 'cabmen's shelter'?
- 2) What year were Cabmen's shelters introduced?
- 3) What is a 'Huckleberry Finn'?
- 4) What does 'ATM' mean?
- 5) What is an 'Underground station'?

Student B questions

- 1) What is 'Cockney'?
- 2) What are disappearing fast?
- 3) Name two statues.
- 4) What does "'avin a giraffe" mean in English?
- 5) Name two former Underground stations.

Category: London / Secret Places / Tourism
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three London Underground stations then add three London train terminals. Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) _____ (1) _____
- 2) _____ (2) _____
- 3) _____ (3) _____

Add three museums in London then add three statues you know of in London. Discuss together.

- 1) _____ (1) _____
- 2) _____ (2) _____
- 3) _____ (3) _____

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

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

In pairs – Student A prefers 'Touristy London'. Student B prefers 'Hidden London'. *2 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you ever visited London? If yes, when?
- 3) Would you like to find any of the places mentioned in the article?
- 4) What do you think of London Underground?
- 5) How often do you use Google?
- 6) Which is your favourite London museum? Why?
- 7) What colour are the post boxes in your town/city?
- 8) How old are the post boxes in your town/city?
- 9) Do you use an ATM machine?
- 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 *Radio London* studio. Today's interview is about: *Hidden London.*

- 1) A tourist.
- 2) The Mayor of London.
- 3) A London taxi driver.
- 4) A London tour guide.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a pub in London with a friend. Start a conversation about the 'Hidden London' you have been exploring! *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Hidden London!

(Google it first!)

Or

London

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) When did you last take a taxi?
- 3) Where do the taxi drivers eat and relax in your town/city?
- 4) What is another word for Underground in your/another language?
- 5) Do you use the Underground in your country?
- 6) What two famous statues do you know in London?
- 7) Do you have any secret rivers in your town/city?
- 8) Did you once have Music Hall venues in your town/city? Do they still exist?
- 9) Have you enjoyed this lesson?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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cockney / weather / refuse / shelters / cabmen / hidden / sheds / cab

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WRITING/SPELLING

1) My hidden town/city - In pairs/As a class.

Consider the following:

Rivers / statues / post boxes / telephone boxes / old buildings / theatres / cinemas / pubs / stations / old signs

Now add 10 more ideas of your own!

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

- 1) I love London _____
- 2) London _____
- 3) Cabmen's shelters _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **My hidden town/city**. 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) alley
- 2) Underground
- 3) discover
- 4) disappeared
- 5) Edwardian
- 6) design
- 7) wonderful
- 8) explore
- 9) historic
- 10) statues

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) hidden
- 12) literally
- 13) yet
- 14) cockney
- 15) peeling wall
- 16) giraffe
- 17) blimey
- 18) Huckleberry Finn
- 19) these
- 20) checkout

Hidden London! – *10th October 2013*