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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/09/16

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SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about smartphones. 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 companies.
- 2) Name the brands.
- 3) What is an AirPod?
- 4) Name the colours.
- 5) How big is the zoom?

Student B questions

- 1) Which brand caught fire?
- 2) What does 'flagship device' mean?
- 3) What is the next flagship device?
- 4) What is a nice price?
- 5) Describe the Apple phone.

Category: Technology / Apple / Samsung
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 '**smartphones / tablets**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs / As a class – You are inventing the next generation of smartphone. What would you put in it? Write down your ideas. Discuss together.

The teacher will choose some groups to see what they have come up with.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 1

In pairs / As a group – Discuss your mobile phone, tablet, and laptop. What made you buy them? *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 5 minutes prep – In pairs/mini groups.

Prepare a two minute presentation on:

Apple iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus

And / Or - *The Samsung Galaxy range of smartphones*

(Google it, if necessary!)

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What brand is your mobile phone?
- 3) Why did you buy the mobile phone you have?
- 4) Would you buy either smartphone in the article? Explain.
- 5) How safe are smartphones from fire?
- 6) How safe are smartphones from hackers and viruses?
- 7) How often do you recharge your mobile phone?
- 8) How often do you check your sms messages on your mobile phone?
- 9) What would you do if your mobile phone caught fire?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

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: *Would you buy the iPhone 7 or the Samsung Note 7?*

- 1) A technology journalist.
- 2) A person with an Apple device.
- 3) A person with a Samsung device
- 4) A person with neither device.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. *Student A* is a reporter. *Student B* is the boss of Samsung. Talk about the Samsung Note 7. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

In pairs. *Student A* is a reporter. *Student B* is the boss of Apple. Talk about the new iPhone 7. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION 2

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Apple v Samsung

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Is your mobile phone waterproof?
- 3) Do you know anyone who lost their iPhone by dropping it down the toilet?
- 4) Are smartphones used on planes potential fire hazards?
- 5) What do you think of the new Apple AirPods? Explain.
- 6) Will you be buying the new Samsung Galaxy 8? Explain.
- 7) Will you be buying the new iPhone 7 or will you wait till the iPhone 8 is released?
- 8) Are Apple products too expensive?
- 9) Why do people prefer Apple products?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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wireless / blur / waterproof / connector / processor / battery / smartphone / case

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smartphones / recall / spontaneously / jeep / replace / flagship / decision/ devices

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING / SPEAKING

1) Game – As a class – form a circle – In a clockwise direction, each say the following, "I bought a new smartphone. In it, it had..." Repeat what was previously said. Then add one more idea of your own. Forget something and you are eliminated! 10 mins.

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

- 1) The iPhone 7 _____
- 2) The Samsung Note 7 _____
- 3) I use _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Would you buy the iPhone 7 or the Samsung Note 7?* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Would you buy the iPhone 7 or the Samsung Note 7?*** 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) ironically
- 2) smartphone
- 3) unveiled
- 4) processor
- 5) waterproof
- 6) battery
- 7) improved
- 8) dual
- 9) wireless
- 10) feature

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) blur
- 12) handsets
- 13) lithium
- 14) spontaneously
- 15) incinerated
- 16) recall
- 17) flagship
- 18) device
- 19) different
- 20) zoom

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