

Manchester attack: 22 dead at Ariana Grande concert

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The bomber has been named as Salman Abedi. A 23 year old has also been arrested. The Islamic...

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the Manchester Arena bombing. 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 Manchester?
- 2) How many people were injured?
- 3) Who is Ariana Grande?
- 4) What is the name of the concert tour?
- 5) What did taxi drivers do?

Student B questions

- 1) What is the name of the bomber?
- 2) Name the British Prime Minister.
- 3) Who are Mancunians?
- 4) What did the people of Manchester do?
- 5) What did the British Prime Minister do?

Note: *Cobra = UK government emergency committee that meets in times of crisis

Continued/ State group has claimed responsibility. The youngest victim is just eight years old.

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three things about the Manchester attack that were in the article. Write them below. Discuss!

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

Add three *other* things that you know about the terrible Manchester attack. Talk about them!

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

What is the latest on this story?

WRITING / SPEAKING - MANCHESTER

In pairs/ As a class. On the board, think of 20 things you know about Manchester. Include some rock bands and famous people. *Five minutes.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Why was security so lax at Manchester Arena?
- 3) Will security checks at concerts be stepped up in the UK following this terrorist attack?
- 4) What would you say to the people of Manchester?
- 5) What would you have done, if you had been in the same situation, in Manchester Arena?
- 6) What do we know about the bomber?
- 7) Have you suffered any similar attacks in your country?
- 8) Why were young fans of Ariana Grande targeted?
- 9) Do you know any heroes, or stories of heroes, who helped save lives in Manchester?
- 10) Has this been a difficult topic to discuss?

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 Manchester. Today's interview is about: *Manchester attack: 22 dead.*

- 1) The British Prime Minister.
- 2) A Manchester police spokesperson.
- 3) An adult concert-goer who witnessed the scene.
- 4) A teenager who witnessed events.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* was in the Manchester Arena when the bomb went off. *Student B* saw the news on TV about it. Start a conversation about how people escaped, and how people helped each other out. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 5-10 minutes – As a class.

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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) Where did the bomber come from originally?
- 3) What religion did the bomber practise?
- 4) Was the bomber a lone-wolf?
- 5) President Trump described the bomber as 'an evil loser'. Do you agree with him?
- 6) Did the bomber walk into Manchester Arena unchecked?
- 7) Is the UK vulnerable to more terrorist attacks?
- 8) What should the British government do following this dreadful attack in Manchester?
- 9) How do you explain to children the horror of terrorism?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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dreadful / victims / vigil / defiance / blood / heart / condolences / solidarity

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - In pairs/As a class, list **20 different things about the Manchester bombing**. Explain what they all do, etc. Talk about each of them. *Five minutes.*

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

- 1) Manchester _____
- 2) The attack _____
- 3) I think _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Manchester attack: 22 dead.* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Manchester attack: 22 dead.***

SPELLING

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

- 1) countless
- 2) pandemonium
- 3) nail bomb
- 4) broken
- 5) just
- 6) arena
- 7) concert
- 8) audience
- 9) heart
- 10) blood

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) condolences
- 12) solidarity
- 13) attack
- 14) defiance
- 15) Mancunians
- 16) vigil
- 17) responsibility
- 18) youngest
- 19) immediate
- 20) dreadful

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