

The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/11/17

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. 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 US legal drama.
- 2) Who was Ms Markle previously married to?
- 3) Where is Nottingham Cottage?
- 4) What did the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh say?
- 5) Who is Prince Harry's brother?

Student B questions

- 1) Where is Botswana?
- 2) What is a blogger?
- 3) What character does Ms Markle play in the US legal drama?
- 4) What year was Meghan Markle born?
- 5) How many royals are ahead of Prince Harry for the throne?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three things you know about Prince Harry and Meghan Markle from the article. Write them below. Discuss!

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

Add three *other* things that you know about them. Talk about them!

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

SPEAKING – BRITISH ROYAL COUPLES

In pairs/As a class - Think of five things about each of the following royal couples. Talk about each of them. Why? *3 mins.*

- 1) The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
- 2) The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh
- 3) The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Where will Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get married?
- 3) What will Meghan Markle wear to her wedding?
- 4) Will UK citizens get a day off for the wedding of the year?
- 5) Will it be a 'Made in Hollywood' style wedding?
- 6) Will Meghan Markle become a duchess or a princess?
- 7) What do Americans think of the engagement?
- 8) Will Meghan Markle need a visa to come to live in the UK?
- 9) What does the engagement of Meghan Markle to Prince Harry tell us about the monarchy in Britain today?
- 10) Is this a fairy tale romance?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in a *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Prince Harry to marry US actress Meghan Markle.*

- 1) A taxi driver in London.
- 2) A US tourist in London.
- 3) A TV journalist from your country.
- 4) A royal historian.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* is tourist in London. *Student B* is a journalist. Start a conversation with *Student A* about the engagement of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 5-10 minutes – As a class.

Prince Harry – Rebel, soldier, activist. Meghan Markle – Actress, humanitarian campaigner, blogger. Discuss these points then add your own thoughts
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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) Will you be watching the wedding?
- 3) What do you know about the TV drama 'Suits' that features Meghan Markle?
- 4) What do you know about Meghan Markle's life as a former lifestyle blogger?
- 5) What advice would you give the couple?
- 6) What does Hollywood think of the engagement?
- 7) Will we see the movie 'Meghan and her Prince' perhaps someday?
- 8) Where will the couple go for their honeymoon?
- 9) Do you think the couple might be given the title the Duke and Duchess of Sussex?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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marry / officially / diamond / throne / couple / actress / ring / engagement

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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 **10 things about Meghan Markle's career and 10 things about Prince Harry's career**. What will their jobs be in the future? Briefly, talk about each point. *5 minutes*.

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

- 1) Prince Harry _____
- 2) Meghan Markle _____
- 3) I think _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Prince Harry to marry US actress Meghan Markle*. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Prince Harry to marry US actress Meghan Markle***.

SPELLING

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

- 1) actress
- 2) congratulations
- 3) director
- 4) former
- 5) blogger
- 6) exclusive
- 7) university
- 8) campaigner
- 9) humanitarian
- 10) lifestyle

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) character
- 12) couple
- 13) engagement
- 14) marry
- 15) throne
- 16) diamond
- 17) Botswana
- 18) Los Angeles
- 19) Cambridge
- 20) since

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