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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/07/13

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SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about the new royal baby 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) Name the Duchesses.
- 2) Name the princes.
- 3) What happened in 1897?
- 4) What happened in Green Park?
- 5) What is the name of the new prince?

Student B questions

- 1) What did Michael and Carole Middleton say?
- 2) How is the Prince of Wales related to the new prince?
- 3) What is the House of Windsor?
- 4) Where were the press camped up?
- 5) What did Prince William say?

*****Update: The name of the new royal baby is George Alexander Louis. He will also be known as Prince George of Cambridge**

Category: Britain / Royal Baby / Prince Cambridge
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 '**Royal baby**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three things the baby's parents will do when looking after their son then add three baby toys he might have.

Write them below. Talk about them!

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

Add three baby foods and then three things babies wear. Discuss together.

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

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

SPEAKING – THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

In pairs / groups – Name as many members of the British royal family as you can. List them on the board. Briefly talk about what you know about each of them. *10 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you think of the new prince's name?
- 3) Would you call your son George?
- 4) What are the most popular names for boys in your country?
- 5) Will you be buying a royal souvenir like a royal mug or T-shirt to celebrate the new prince?
- 6) What will the grandparents do to help their new grandson?
- 7) How do you think the Queen feels about the new royal prince?
- 8) Will the media leave the new prince to live in peace?
- 9) Have you seen the new Prince of Cambridge?
- 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 TV* studio. Today's interview is about: *The new Royal Baby Prince George.*

- 1) A tourist in London.
- 2) A Londoner.
- 3) A journalist from your country.
- 4) A Town crier.

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 new royal prince. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING

On the board – List 10 things about the new Prince of Cambridge. Talk about them.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Should the British monarchy jump a generation or two and allow Prince William or Prince George to become King rather than Prince Charles?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Do you think the new prince will call himself George when crowned?
- 2) Will you be going to London to see the new prince?
- 3) Why has the media gone overboard on this news story?
- 4) Will the new royal baby create a demand for British made baby goods and accessories in the near future?
- 5) If you were a mum would you buy what is being bought for the new royal baby?
- 6) What do you know about any previous royal Kings called George?
- 7) What type of Britain will George rule over?
- 8) How will the Duchess of Cambridge look after her new baby?
- 9) Have you enjoyed this lesson?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

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absolutely / feat / celebrations / grandson / public / throne / birth / baby

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) British Kings and Queens - In pairs/As a class – Choose one of the following and discuss:

- Ten recent British Kings and Queens
- Ten British Kings and Queens
- Six British Kings called George

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

- Prince George _____
- The royal baby _____
- The Queen _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Prince George of Cambridge**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- baby
- public
- birth
- celebrations
- throne
- feat
- grandson
- absolutely

ANSWERS

- beaming
- newborn
- press
- moment
- lungs
- luckily
- salute
- song

SPELLING

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

- Cambridge
- Duchess
- public
- celebrations
- news bulletins
- heirs
- throne
- feat
- since
- absolutely

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- newborn
- camped up
- moment
- salute
- artillery
- congratulations
- perhaps
- Town Crier
- actual
- beautiful

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