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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/11/15

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three satisfying jobs in the world. 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 does 'on the other hand' mean?
- 2) What does 'for example' mean?
- 3) What does 'former' and 'latter' mean?
- 4) What is 'a cleaner'?
- 5) What does the term 'laptop boys and girls' mean?

Student B questions

- 1) What does 'beg the question' mean?
- 2) What does 'interacted on various webpages' mean?
- 3) What does 'strewth' mean?
- 4) Where is 'the Great Barrier Reef'?
- 5) What is 'the Great Barrier Reef'?

Category: Career / Job / Lifestyle

Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three jobs you might like to do that offer you satisfaction.

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

Add three reasons why we work.

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

Add three jobs you have done that gave you satisfaction. Discuss together!

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

The teacher can choose some pairs to hear their findings.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs / As a class – On the board write down your top ten most satisfying jobs in the world. Talk about them together!

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What is the most satisfying job in the world?
- 3) What is the most dis-satisfying job in the world?
- 4) Would you like to be a carpet maker or doctor? Which is more satisfying? Explain.
- 5) Will a robot replace the job you do one day? Explain.
- 6) Why is job training useful?
- 7) Why are laptops so useful?
- 8) Do people prefer meaningful work? Explain.
- 9) 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 *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is: *What is the most satisfying job in the world?*

- 1) A student.
- 2) A person in full time employment.
- 3) A journalist.
- 4) A person who lived on the island on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs/mini group - *Student A* is a reporter in London. *Student B* is someone in the street. *Student A* interviews *Student B* about what is the most satisfying job in the world? *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

What is the most satisfying job in the world?

Consider – variety / skill development / complexity / growth / your choice No 1 / your choice No 2

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Why do many people quit their profession?
- 3) Do people work in their job just for the money?
- 4) Would you quit your job to do something more satisfying?
- 5) Would you give up your well paid job to take on something less well paid that was more satisfying? Explain.
- 6) Would you have considered doing the job on the island on the Great Barrier Reef? Explain.
- 7) Do jobs need to offer diversity, complexity and growth?
- 8) Is your job satisfying? Explain.
- 9) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: READING

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job / cleaner / latter / probably / similar / quit / profession / former /

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All this does beg the question why do we work? To earn money to live is the simple answer. The job is what you make it. (4)___, people like meaningful work that offers variety, skill development, (5)___ and growth. On the job training is always (6)___.

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strewth / generally / satisfying / digital / skills / perhaps / complexity / useful

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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All this does beg the question (3)___ do (4)___ work? To earn money to live is the simple answer. The job is what you make (5)___ . Generally, people like meaningful work that offers variety, skill development, complexity and growth. On the job training is always useful.

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - *In pairs*, list your top 10 jobs you do in your house that give you job satisfaction! *One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.*

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

- 1) The most _____
- 2) I think _____
- 3) My job _____

3) In class - Write 50 words about: *What is the most satisfying job in the world?* Your work can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *What is the most satisfying job in the world?* 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) strewth
- 2) Australian
- 3) perhaps
- 4) tourists
- 5) digital
- 6) various
- 7) wonderful
- 8) whilst
- 9) useful
- 10) question

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) probably
- 12) explore
- 13) might
- 14) former
- 15) latter
- 16) could
- 17) similar
- 18) earn
- 19) meaningful
- 20) complexity

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