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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/06/15

Summer Camp USA for Adults

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you associate with summer camp. 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 'crave' mean?
- 2) What does 'BYOB' mean?
- 3) What does 'yearn' mean?
- 4) Where do men and women sleep?
- 5) What is a three-legged race?

Student B questions

- 1) Name the camps.
- 2) Who inspired what?
- 3) Name three cities.
- 4) What is a 'watermelon'?
- 5) What is a 'campfire singalong'?

Category: USA / Summer Camp / Weekend Breaks
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. Think of three reasons to go to an adult summer camp.

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – You are both going on summer camp next weekend. Write down some things that you might need to take with you.

The teacher can select students to add some of their suggestions on the board.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Think of three things you might like to do whilst on your adult summer camp.

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

The teacher can select students to add some of their suggestions on the board.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Where and when did you last go camping?
- 3) Would you like to go on an adult summer camp in the USA? Explain.
- 4) Are there similar such adult summer camps in your country? Explain.
- 5) Would you go on an adult summer camp in your country? Explain.
- 6) What makes an adult summer camp so appealing?
- 7) When did you last do a three-legged race?
- 8) When did you last sit around a campfire and have a good singalong?
- 9) Do you yearn for your lost youth?
- 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 *Discussion FM* radio studio in Nashville, USA. Today's interview is about: *Summer Camp for Adults.*

- 1) An adult camp organiser in Nashville.
- 2) An adult camper from outside the USA.
- 3) A journalist down from New York who attended a summer camp.
- 4) An adult camper across from the USA.

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

SPEAKING 1

In pairs. Student A is a journalist. Student B is an adult on a summer camp in the USA. Student B is talking to Student A. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Better to go camping? Perhaps stay in a log cabin / pension / room on a cruise liner / hotel / other – choose some other options

Which is best? Why? Is camping more fun?

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do summer camps make romance blossom?
- 3) When did you last sleep in a log cabin?
- 4) Would you like to rediscover your lost youth?
- 5) Did you used to go camping in your youth? Explain.
- 6) What makes a summer camp fun?
- 7) Have you ever done any campfire cooking? Explain.
- 8) What are the top summer camp venues?
- 9) Are the adult summer camps in the USA a good idea?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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(5)___ can compete in (6)___ contests, make friendship (7)___, and meet in the (8)___ . Now as adults they can also drink alcohol and have nightly parties.

campers / uncool / rediscovering / kid / mess hall / childhood / bracelets / watermelon

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There is one (2)___ rule in camps: No asking about work! Another requires men and women to sleep in (3)___ cabins. However, that doesn't appear to stop (4)___ blossoming!

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From arts and crafts to swimming pool assault courses, as well as the end of day (6)___ (7)___, it's all here for those adults (8)___ for their lost youth. For those adults who crave a bit of fun, why not?

major / campfire / singalong / romance / yearning / optional / escapes / separate /

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 20 things to do at summer camp. *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) Summer camp _____
- 2) When I was a kid _____
- 3) Campfires _____

3) On the board - You have been on an adult summer camp last weekend. Write down 50 words about what you did there. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Summer Camp for Adults**. 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) watermelon
- 2) bracelets
- 3) childhood
- 4) uncool
- 5) rediscovering
- 6) campers
- 7) mess hall
- 8) alcohol
- 9) major
- 10) separate

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) optional
- 12) assault courses
- 13) campfire
- 14) yearning
- 15) crave
- 16) youth
- 17) blossoming
- 18) except
- 19) nightly
- 20) singalong

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