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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/09/16

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

What brands of tea do you like to drink? Why? 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 in Britain is tea grown?
- 2) Name three countries outside the UK where tea is grown.
- 3) Name three commonly drunk teas in Britain.
- 4) Name two posher teas Brits drink.
- 5) Approximately how many tea plantations are there in Britain?

Student B questions

- 1) Explain the term 'Dig for Victory'.
- 2) Who was Winston Churchill?
- 3) Why is higher altitude tea better to drink?
- 4) Where is British tea now being sold?
- 5) What does 'entrepreneurship' mean?

Category: UK / Business / Tea
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs choose three teas you both like to drink. Write them below. Talk about them!

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

Add three other teas you might like to try. Talk about them!

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

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

SPEAKING 1 – TEA OR COFFEE

In pairs - Student A thinks drinking tea is best. *Student B* disagrees and prefers coffee! *3 mins.*

SPEAKING 2 – POT OF TEA

In pairs - Discuss how you would make a pot of tea. *3 mins.* **The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings to the class.

SPEAKING 3 – BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

In pairs - Discuss where in Britain you might set up a tea plantation and why? *3 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What is your favourite tea? Why?
- 3) What teas don't you like? Why?
- 4) Do you drink tea with milk? Why?
- 5) Why are some teas more expensive than others?
- 6) What country grows the best tea?
- 7) Where is the tea you like grown?
- 8) Do you like to drink teas like strawberry tea or blackcurrant tea? Are these really teas? Explain.
- 9) Explain the phrase 'Coals to Newcastle'. (Google it to help you!) Why might it be used with British tea?
- 10) Have you visited a tea shop? Explain.

SPEAKING 4 – DISCUSSION

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 about: *Fancy a cuppa British grown tea?*

- 1) A tea expert and consultant.
- 2) A British tea plantation owner.
- 3) Someone who likes to drink tea.
- 4) A journalist.

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

SPEAKING 5 - GAME

Form a circle - The first person says "I went to a tea plantation and I saw..."

Go in a clockwise direction and repeat the phrase repeating what has been said. Add one more thing at the end. Forget a word and you are eliminated!

SPEAKING 6 - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes - As a class.

Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on

British Tea

Google it if necessary!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Would you buy tea grown in Britain?
- 3) What are the business opportunities for tea growers in Britain?
- 4) Is growing tea in Britain risky?
- 5) Are more people drinking coffee than tea? Explain.
- 6) Have you ever visited a tea plantation? Explain.
- 7) Why are Chinese buying British grown tea?
- 8) What makes a good tea?
- 9) What is the difference between a high quality tea and a low quality tea?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

WRITING/SPELLING

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WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 10 places and countries where tea is grown. Talk about each of them. *3-5 minutes*.

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

- 1) I prefer to drink _____
- 2) Tea _____
- 3) British tea _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Fancy a cuppa British grown tea?* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *Fancy a cuppa British grown tea?* 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) cuppa
- 2) plantations
- 3) perfect
- 4) yield
- 5) develop
- 6) brands
- 7) posher
- 8) common
- 9) Darjeeling
- 10) Sri Lanka

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) homegrown
- 12) stir
- 13) might
- 14) surprisingly
- 15) rapidly
- 16) business
- 17) climate
- 18) exports
- 19) altitude
- 20) rarer

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