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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/11/13

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you used to do but today do in a different way! 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 is the 'internet'?
- 2) What is a 'dictionary'?
- 3) What is 'teletext'?
- 4) What is a 'fax'?
- 5) What does 'DVD' stand for?

Student B questions

- 1) What is 'vinyl'?
- 2) What does 'dramatically' mean?
- 3) What is a 'cassette tape'?
- 4) What is an 'encyclopedia'?
- 5) What is a 'telly'?

Category: Lifestyle / Things we used to do / Living
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many things you used to do. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING - COMPARISON

In pairs - Think of ten different things you do today. Write them down below.

- 1) _____ (6) _____
- 2) _____ (7) _____
- 3) _____ (8) _____
- 4) _____ (9) _____
- 5) _____ (10) _____

Now add how you used to do these things in the past. Talk about them. Compare the differences!

- 1) _____ (6) _____
- 2) _____ (7) _____
- 3) _____ (8) _____
- 4) _____ (9) _____
- 5) _____ (10) _____

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs, write down three things you couldn't live without today. Why? If you had to manage without them how would you manage? Discuss together. *One-two mins.*

The teacher will choose some students to read out their suggestions to the class.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you download music, films or something else?
- 3) When did you last use Yellow Pages?
- 4) Do you remember the time when you didn't have a mobile phone?
- 5) Do you still send letters in the post?
- 6) Do you still read classic paper books or do you read digital books?
- 7) When you were younger where did you go with your friends?
- 8) What do you think has changed the most in your life?
- 9) What sort of 'social contact' did people have before the internet was invented?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the *Discussion FM* studio. Today's interview is: *Things we used to do.* *10 mins.*

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. You are in a bar. Start a conversation about the things you used to do in the past but do in a different way today. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3 - OFFICES

In pairs. Start a conversation about life in the office today. Compare it with how you would do the same job 30-40 years ago! *5 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

<p><i>Things we used to do!</i></p> <p>Consider the following in your discussion:</p> <p>Travel / shopping / education / work / relaxation / meeting friends / business / sport / banking / communicating / knowledge / music</p>

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Can you remember what we did before the availability of digital cameras?
- 3) Do you still use a vacuum cleaner with a bag?
- 4) When did you last use a phone in a public phone box?
- 5) How did you travel 30 years ago?
- 6) How did you used to prepare your food before ready meals were created?
- 7) Did you used to queue for some food?
- 8) What shopping do you do online?
- 9) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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Do you remember using a (3)___ to find out how to spell something? We used to write (4)___ and school work by hand. Today we type it and send our (5)___ by email!

We used to wash our clothes by hand. Do you remember sending your films for development? We used to print our photographs and then make photo albums! (6)___ used to buy vinyl records and CDs. We used to (7)___ documents.

When did you last use a (8)___ to record something off the TV? Come to think about it we also used to watch videos on video tapes or even on DVD.

dictionary / technological / video cassette / homework / folks / essays / dramatically / fax

Do you remember (1)___? In the old days we used to sit down in front of the telly and watch the four channels that were on TV (2)___!

Do people still book their flights at travel agents? When did anyone last use a public telephone? Do you remember carrying lots of change to use in a pay phone?

When did you last pay a bill at the post office? Can you remember the last time you (3)___ wrote a love letter? We used to call Directory Enquiries to find out someone's telephone number. We also used to (4)___ to cassette tapes!

Do you remember calling (5)___ to get (6)___ movie times? When did you last play a board game? We used to use Yellow Pages to find (7)___ . Some of us used to own (8)___ . The list goes on...

encyclopedias / accurate / together / cinemas / listen / actually / businesses / teletext

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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Today let's talk about (1)___ of the things we used to do! You'll be surprised by (2)___ how (3)___ things have changed. (4)___ is thanks to technological change and the invention of the internet. Both of which have changed our lives dramatically...

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(7)___ did you last use a video cassette to record something off the TV? Come to think about it we also used to watch videos on video tapes or (8)___ on DVD.

Even / then / this / some / your / when / many / just

Do (1)___ remember teletext? In the old days we used to sit down in front (2)___ the telly and watch the four channels that were on TV together!

Do people still book their flights (3)___ travel agents? When did anyone last use (4)___ public telephone? Do you remember carrying lots of change to use (5)___ a pay phone?

When did you last pay a bill at the post office? Can you remember the last time you actually wrote a love letter? We used to call Directory Enquiries to find out someone's telephone number. (6)___ also used to listen to cassette tapes!

Do you remember calling cinemas to get accurate movie times? When did you last play a board game? We used to use Yellow Pages to find businesses. Some of (7)___ used to own encyclopedias. The list goes (8)___...

we / on / in / a / us / of / at / you

GAP FILL: LISTENING

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When did you last use _____ record something off the TV? Come to think about it we also used to watch videos on video tapes or even on DVD.

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WRITING/SPELLING

WRITING / SPEAKING

1) Museum visit – On the board - In pairs - One of you is a museum guide, the other a tourist. It is 2015! You are in a museum. You are looking around a Hall, which is comparing gadgets past and present that essentially do the same job. The tourist is asking the guide questions about how the old gadgets used to work...Draw the gadgets on the board and label them as you go...5 mins.

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

- 1) I used to _____
- 2) Today I _____
- 3) Life has changed _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Things I used to do**. Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) technological
- 2) dramatically
- 3) dictionary
- 4) essays
- 5) homework
- 6) folks
- 7) fax
- 8) video cassette

ANSWERS

- 1) teletext
- 2) together
- 3) actually
- 4) listen
- 5) cinemas
- 6) accurate
- 7) businesses
- 8) encyclopedias

SPELLING

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

- 1) dictionary
- 2) just
- 3) technological
- 4) invention
- 5) dramatically
- 6) essays
- 7) type
- 8) development
- 9) photographs
- 10) albums

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) fax
- 12) documents
- 13) cassette
- 14) teletext
- 15) telly
- 16) together
- 17) actually
- 18) accurate
- 19) businesses
- 20) encyclopedias

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