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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/10/14

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People do collect some very odd things, for example, different leaves or piles of pillowcases. Some folk collect buttons or old and new toys. These days we all seem to collect mobile phones and their multi-sized plug in connectors.

At the other end of the scale while many rich men like to collect fast cars and women, rich women prefer clothes, shoes and jewellery. Sometimes they just collect new husbands!

SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you collect. 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 a conservatory?
- 2) What did the neighbour collect?
- 3) What did the author's mother collect?
- 4) What do rich men collect?
- 5) What do rich women collect?

Student B questions

- 1) What is a cassette?
- 2) What is Lego?
- 3) Older people tend to collect what?
- 4) Today youngsters collect what?
- 5) What is a hippopotamus?

**Category: Lifestyle / Hobbies / Collecting
Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **'What do you collect?'** *One-two minutes.* Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs - Choose three things young people collect. Write them below. Discuss together.

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

Add three things middle aged people collect. Discuss together.

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

Add three things older people collect. Discuss together.

- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

WRITING / SPEAKING / GAME

On the board as a class or in twos or threes - List from A to Z different things people collect with each letter! Good luck *5 mins.*

The teacher will choose some students to hear their findings.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you collect now?
- 3) What did you collect as a child under ten?
- 4) What did you collect as a teenager?
- 5) Why do people collect things?
- 6) What is the most unusual thing you have collected?
- 7) Do you collect any of the things in the article?
- 8) Have you ever given a collection away?
- 9) What have you done with your old records, cassettes and DVDs?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. You are one of the following four guests or are the interviewer. You are in the *CNN London* studio. Today's interview is: *What do you collect? 10 mins.*

- 1) You are a Hollywood movie star.
- 2) You are a famous pop star.
- 3) You are a footballer.
- 4) You are a farmer/country landowner/other.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* likes to collect unusual things. *Student B* lives across the world. You like to collect a variety of things. Start a conversation about what each of you collects. *5 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

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| <i>What the class collects!</i> |
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The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Do you collect friends on Facebook?
- 3) What do rich women and men really collect?
- 4) Do you collect old mobile phones or multi-sized plug in connectors?
- 5) Did you collect stamps or dolls as a child?
- 6) Do any of the things you collected have any value?
- 7) What do some of your friends collect?
- 8) What do your parents collect?
- 9) Do you know anyone who collects ducks or hippopotamuses?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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Some folk collect bus tickets; others ornamental ducks or (5)__. Stamp collecting used to be a popular (6)__, as was picture postcard collecting. Boys used to collect old coins or (7)__. Girls used to collect dolls. Today youngsters like to collect friends on Facebook, as well as (8)___ on mobiles.

Hippopotamuses / dusty / matchboxes/ Lego / apps / endless / pastime / attic

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People do collect some very (4)___ things, for example, different leaves or piles of pillowcases. Some folk collect (5)___ or old and new toys. These days we all seem to (6)___ mobile phones and their multi-sized plug in connectors.

At the other end of the (7)___ while many rich men like to collect fast cars and women, rich women prefer clothes, shoes and jewellery. Sometimes they just collect new (8)___!

collect / buttons / sea shells / husbands / odd / hunt out / scale / conservatory /

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* - write down **20 different things you collect**. Talk about them all! *5 mins*.

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

- 1) I collect _____
- 2) Some folk _____
- 3) I used to collect _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **What do you collect?** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) matchboxes
- 2) endless
- 3) dusty
- 4) attic
- 5) hippopotamus
- 6) pastime
- 7) Lego
- 8) apps

ANSWERS

- 1) sea shells
- 2) hunt out
- 3) conservatory
- 4) odd
- 5) buttons
- 6) collect
- 7) scale
- 8) husbands

SPELLING

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

- 1) matchboxes
- 2) beermats
- 3) ornamental
- 4) hippopotamus
- 5) pastime
- 6) mugs
- 7) antiques
- 8) bargains
- 9) pillowcases
- 10) conservatory

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) folk
- 12) buttons
- 13) scale
- 14) jewellery
- 15) dolls
- 16) frankly
- 17) collection
- 18) shells
- 19) neighbour
- 20) husbands

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