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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/01/16

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Where would you like to retire? 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) Name three countries in the Far East.
- 2) Name three countries in the Americas.
- 3) Name three British seaside towns.
- 4) What does 'revolutionised' mean?
- 5) Name one government scheme.

Student B questions

- 1) Where do many of the author's students want to live?
- 2) Name the countries in Europe.
- 3) What does 'majority' mean?
- 4) Why do some retirees return home?
- 5) How many days of sunshine are there in Spain?

Category: Lifestyle / Retirement / Places to Live
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs choose three places you might like to retire to. Write them below. Why these places? Talk about them!

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

Add three things you might like to do in your retirement. Talk about them!

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

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

SPEAKING

In pairs – Think of three advantages and three disadvantages of retiring by the sea in another country **or** living up a mountain. Write down your thoughts. Discuss together. **The teacher** can ask for your findings.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) At what age can you retire in your country?
- 2) Would you like to retire to the countryside or stay in a town or city?
- 3) Would you prefer to retire near to your family? Explain.
- 4) Where do people retire to in your country? Why?
- 5) What is the most popular destination to retire to in your country?
- 6) Is there any particular reason why retirees go to a particular place to retire?
- 7) Why is Spain so popular to retire to?
- 8) At what age would you like to retire?
- 9) Would you retire to the Far East? Why? Why not?
- 10) Does your country offer you a decent pension? Explain.

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 about: *Where to retire?*

- 1) Someone who lives in retirement in Malaysia / Thailand.
- 2) Someone who is approaching retirement.
- 3) Someone who lives in retirement in your country.
- 4) Someone who lives in Spain / Costa Rica.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - *Student A* loves living where they live currently. *Student B* wants to retire someone else! 3 mins.

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on

Where to retire?

Google it if necessary!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Does your pension affect your choice of place of retirement?
- 2) What would you do in retirement?
- 3) What makes Central America a good place to retire?
- 4) Why is retiring by the sea so popular?
- 5) Do you think transport is an important retirement factor? Explain.
- 6) How important is the weather when you retire?
- 7) What does your government offer you in retirement?
- 8) Would you consider living abroad when you retire? Why? Why not?
- 9) Has where you lived changed to the point that you might consider moving away in your retirement?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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communicate / further / explore / Brits / cottage / instance / retire / connections

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Many of my students (7)__ want to live in a cottage (8)__ a mountain where they can go hiking. In old age, hiking is good for you!

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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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 to retire to. Add 10 things you might do in your retirement. 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) Living by the sea _____
- 2) I want to retire _____
- 3) I would _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Where to retire?* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Where to retire?*** 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) however
- 2) hopefully
- 3) forward
- 4) perhaps
- 5) cities
- 6) further
- 7) connections
- 8) much
- 9) offer
- 10) communicate

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) pension
- 12) choose
- 13) retirees
- 14) retirement
- 15) simply
- 16) actually
- 17) cottage
- 18) might
- 19) thoughts
- 20) subject

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