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## The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/11/15

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

What is a dictionary? Think of three things you know about dictionaries. 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 Lexicographer?
- 2) What does 'manspreading' mean?
- 3) Who is Jeremy Corbyn?
- 4) What does 'clean eating' mean?
- 5) What does 'swipe' mean?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Name the dictionary.
- 2) What is 'binge-watching'?
- 3) What is 'transgender'?
- 4) What is 'shaming'?
- 5) What is 'social media'?

**Category: UK / Education / Words**

**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

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

### SPEAKING – GAME - WORDGAME

*Two teams* – Each team chooses five words. They have to think of three separate meanings for each of the words. Write them down as meaning a, b, and c. However, only one will be the CORRECT meaning.

Each team has to read their three meanings of their five chosen words.

The other team has to guess the correct meaning i.e. meaning; a, b, or c.

Ten points for every correct word meaning. (Google if necessary) *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs* - *Student A* is a news reporter in London. *Student B* is a student studying in the UK. *Student A* interviews *Student B* about what they think of the words in the article that are in italics. Do they know of any other new words they can pass on to the listener? *3 mins.*

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Do you use a touchscreen mobile phone? Why?
- 3) When did you last see a man manspreading? Where?
- 4) Do you use contactless cards? Why?
- 5) What do you think of Jeremy Corbyn?
- 6) Do you know any untanned and slightly plump males? If yes, talk about them!
- 7) Do you practise ghosting?
- 8) How many transgender people do you know?
- 9) Do you binge-watch? Explain.
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### 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: *English Words of the Year 2015.*

- 1) A student from the UK.
- 2) A student from Asia.
- 3) A student from Europe / Asia.
- 4) A student from Africa / Middle East.

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

### SPEAKING - GAME

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

**Hangman** – Play a game of hangman! Students each take a turn to think of a new word. They write the number of spaces on the board. The other students have to work out the word by guessing each letter. For every incorrect letter the hangman can be created.

**The teacher** can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Are the new words in italics in the article used in your language?
- 3) Can you think of three new words that are used in your language? What do they mean in English?
- 4) How often do you use a dictionary?
- 5) What do you use a dictionary for?
- 6) Do you use a paper dictionary or an online dictionary or both?
- 7) Which is better to use – a paper dictionary or an online dictionary? Why?
- 8) How would you say the English language is changing?
- 9) Do you swipe on your mobile? Explain what.
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## GAP FILL: READING

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**transgender / apparently / significant / vice versa / usage / episodes / phrases / tube**

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**diet / vision / image / relationship / dismiss / snapshot / lastly / approve /**

## GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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**with / where / when / their / that / than / much / more**

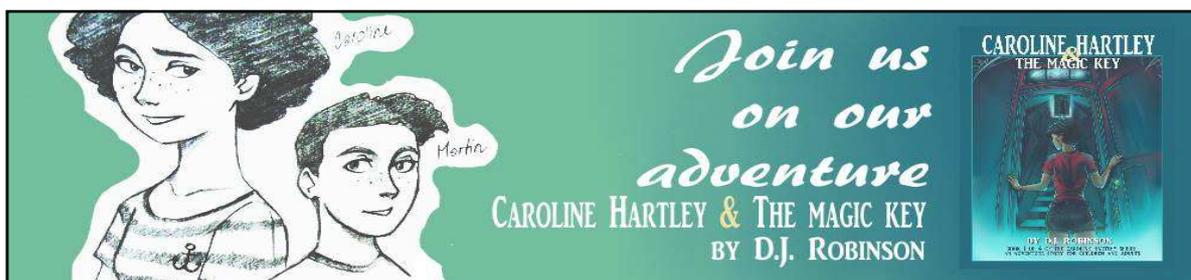
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**you / too / for / can / by / of / on / or**

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### GAP FILL: LISTENING

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### WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs*, list 10 new words of the year in *your* language and in *your* country. Translate them into English. *Talk about each of them. 5-10 minutes.*

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

- 1) Manspreading \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The dictionary \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) A transgender \_\_\_\_\_

**3) In class** - Write 50 words about: *English Words of the Year 2015*. Your work can be read out in class.

**4) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *English Words of the Year 2015*. 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) dismiss
- 2) apparently
- 3) significant
- 4) shaming
- 5) especially
- 6) offence
- 7) vision
- 8) dadbod
- 9) plump
- 10) physique

#### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) fascinating
- 12) snapshot
- 13) dictionary
- 14) rise
- 15) than
- 16) episodes
- 17) series
- 18) manspreading
- 19) transgender
- 20) contactless

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