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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/11/14

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about Sir Bob Geldof. 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 the song.
- 2) What is a vlogger?
- 3) Name three pop groups.
- 4) Name three solo pop artists.
- 5) How is Ebola transmitted?

Student B questions

- 1) Who is George Osborne?
- 2) What did George Osborne do?
- 3) What did Ellie Goulding say?
- 4) What did Guy Garvey say?
- 5) Where in London was the recording made?

**Category: Music / Band Aid 30 / Africa
Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

Do they know it's Christmas? – 20th November 2014

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**Do they know it's Christmas?**' *One-two minutes.* Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – Choose three artists from the article. Write them below. Talk about them.

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

Add three things about Band Aid 2014. Discuss together. What are your conclusions?

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

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

WRITING / SPEAKING / DRAWING

As a class / In pairs – Think of 20 top Christmas songs and their artists. Write them on the board. Talk about them. Which song is the best? Which is the worst! *5 mins.*

The teacher will choose some students to read out their results to the class then discuss the findings.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Are you a vlogger?
- 3) What is the last song you actually bought?
- 4) What is the last song you downloaded for free?
- 5) Do you download many songs?
- 6) Have most people stopped paying for the songs they download or not? Explain.
- 7) Do you know any of the artists in the article?
- 8) Will you be giving any money to the Ebola cause?
- 9) How does music help the victims of Ebola?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the Radio London studio. Today's interview is: *Do they know it's Christmas?* *10 mins.*

- 1) Sir Bob Geldof.
- 2) A recovered Ebola victim.
- 3) A nurse in West Africa.
- 4) A pop artist who took part in the recording of Band Aid 2014.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs. *Student A* is a reporter. *Student B* is a doctor/nurse. You are in West Africa. *Student A* is interviewing *Student B* about how Ebola has affected the local community (Imagine!). *3 mins.*

SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

Allow 5 minutes – As a class.

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| <i>Ebola – How deadly is it?</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) Will you be downloading the new Band Aid 2014 track?
- 3) What is your favourite Christmas song?
- 4) How deadly is Ebola?
- 5) Are you planning a visit to West Africa soon?
- 6) Do you know anyone who has returned from West Africa recently?
- 7) Do pop artists in your country record charity records?
- 8) Has "Do they know it's Christmas?" been played on the radio in your country?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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reference / disease / Christmas / wake / death / heal / makeover / tear

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privilege / original / download / track / levy / vloggers / version / song

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 things you know about **Ebola**. Talk about them! 5 mins.

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

- 1) Sir Bob Geldof _____
- 2) The track _____
- 3) Ebola _____

3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Do they know it's Christmas?** Your email can be read out in class.

GAP FILL READING

- 1) Christmas
- 2) disease
- 3) wake
- 4) makeover
- 5) heal
- 6) death
- 7) tear
- 8) reference

SPELLING

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

- 1) Christmas
- 2) disease
- 3) Ebola
- 4) whereas
- 5) version
- 6) through
- 7) reference
- 8) bitter
- 9) sting
- 10) participating

ANSWERS

- 1) track
- 2) original
- 3) version
- 4) privilege
- 5) vloggers
- 6) song
- 7) download
- 8) levy

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) charity
- 12) nervous
- 13) quite
- 14) nervous
- 15) privilege
- 16) download
- 17) announcement
- 18) levy
- 19) physical
- 20) famous

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