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Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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Your top 20 'Bucket List'

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| 1) _____ | 11) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 12) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 13) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 14) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 15) _____ |
| 6) _____ | 16) _____ |
| 7) _____ | 17) _____ |
| 8) _____ | 18) _____ |
| 9) _____ | 19) _____ |
| 10) _____ | 20) _____ |

Consider the following themes when you create your bucket list:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Try some different foods | 11) Contribute towards something |
| 2) Holidays | 12) Hit the Big time! |
| 3) Be a spectator at something | 13) Meet someone famous |
| 4) Create your ideal home... | 14) Improve your education |
| 5) See different animals | 15) Try some adventure |
| 6) Family | 16) Take up a sport |
| 7) See a famous monument | 17) Read some books |
| 8) Web achievements | 18) Try a new hobby/craft |
| 9) Vocation/ Career | 19) Try the High Life! |
| 10) Audition for something | 20) Write something |

EXERCISES

1. Bucket List: What is a bucket? What is a list? What is a 'Bucket List'? Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. Reading: The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. The article: Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) **Talk about your Top 20 Bucket List**

6. Themes: In pairs, look at the different themes on page two then choose four of them. Create five ideas for each theme. Write them below. Discuss together. What are your conclusions?

Theme 1	Theme 2
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____
Theme 3	Theme 4
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____

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

7. Let's think! In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **Bucket List**. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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8. Let's roleplay 1: CNN Radio: In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *CNN* radio studio. Today's interview is about: *Create your own bucket list*.

1	You have a terminal illness	3	You are aged 25
2	You are aged 70	4	You are aged 50

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

9. Let's roleplay 2: In pairs. You are in a hospital bed next to your classmate who is in another. Start a conversation about creating your own bucket list. *5-minutes*.

10. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) Name the movie.
- 2) Name the actors.
- 3) Name the fictional characters.
- 4) What type of people were these characters?
- 5) What year was the film released?

Student B

- 1) Name the dances.
- 2) Name the countries.
- 3) Name the reef.
- 4) Name the sports.
- 5) Name the mountain.

11. Bucket Lists: Think of three advantages and three disadvantages of 'Bucket Lists'. Write them below. Discuss together with your partner.

Advantages	Disadvantages
1	1
2	2
3	3

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

12. Presentation: In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: **My 'Bucket List'**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the good and weak points on each presentation.

13. Let's write an e-mail: Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **My 'Bucket List'**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

14. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) My 'Bucket List' _____
- b) A 'Bucket List' _____
- c) The movie _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What holidays might you like to go on?
- 3) What type of home might you create?
- 4) Which famous person would you like to meet?
- 5) What hobby might you take up?
- 6) How would your family come into your bucket list?
- 7) What web achievements might you like to do or see?
- 8) How might you improve your career?
- 9) How might you improve your education?
- 10) What audition might you do?

Student B questions

- 1) What does the penultimate last sentence in the article mean? ("The world is your oyster")
- 2) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?
- 3) What food would you like to try?
- 4) What adventure would you like to do?
- 5) Which sport might you take up?
- 6) What would you write?
- 7) Which books might you read?
- 8) Which animals might you like to see or own?
- 9) Which monument might you like to visit?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's discuss! The ultimate class Top 20 'Bucket List'

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

The ultimate class Top 20 'Bucket List' - Discuss together
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The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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yodel

adventure

water ski

piano

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marathon

helicopter

salsa

GRAMMAR

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SPELLING TEST

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

Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20

1	language	11	bucket
2	foreign	12	ill
3	terminally	13	popular
4	instrument	14	marathon
5	another	15	millionaire
6	weightlessness	16	thought
7	hundreds	17	mechanic
8	helicopter	18	while
9	experience	19	traditional
10	oyster	20	adventure

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