

The Most Corrupt Countries

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about corruption. 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 British Prime Minister.
- 2) What was the conference in London about?
- 3) Name three countries at the conference.
- 4) What did the British Prime Minister want the countries at the London conference to acknowledge?
- 5) What did the article say about the EU?

Student B questions

- 1) What did the article say about FIFA?
- 2) What is FIFA?
- 3) Name three of the most corrupt countries in the world.
- 4) What are the Panama Papers?
- 5) Where are the British Virgin Islands?

Note : FIFA = Fédération Internationale de Football Association

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Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – think of three corrupt countries. Write them below. Discuss!

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

Add three corrupt organisations. Discuss!

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 1

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is David Cameron. You are talking about the anti-corruption conference in London. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

How to tackle corruption

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Do you think the anti-corruption summit in London was a success? Explain.
- 3) Is London a huge dumping ground for dirty money?
- 4) Is the EU one of the most corrupt organisations in the world?
- 5) Why was FIFA regarded as a corrupt organisation?
- 6) Why has the EU been allowed to get away with unaudited accounts for so long?
- 7) IF the EU was a company it would have gone bankrupt long ago, surely?
- 8) What should be done to tackle corruption?
- 9) Have you any personal experience of dealing with corruption?
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 2

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: *The Most Corrupt Countries.*

- 1) A representative from the EU.
- 2) A journalist.
- 3) An organiser at the London Anti-Corruption conference.
- 4) A Nigerian/Afghan at the conference.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is the Nigerian President. *3 mins.*

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Prepare a 3 minute presentation on

The most corrupt countries and organisations in the world

(Google it if necessary!)

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Are there many corrupt organisations in your country?
- 3) What do you think of the Panama Papers?
- 4) Will London's property boom turn to bust?
- 5) Why do you think the British Virgin Islands and Panama weren't invited to the anti-corruption conference in London?
- 6) Are Nigeria and Afghanistan so corrupt?
- 7) Was it right to record The Queen's private conversations and broadcast them afterwards?
- 8) What makes a country corrupt?
- 9) Have you ever dealt with any corrupt officials?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING/SPELLING

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1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 20 things you know about: Corruption. *One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.*

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

- 1) I think _____
- 2) The most _____
- 3) The Panama Papers _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *The Most Corrupt Countries.* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***The Most Corrupt Countries.*** 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) representatives
- 2) conference
- 3) fantastically
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) Guinea-Bissau
- 6) actually
- 7) Nigeria
- 8) summit
- 9) expose
- 10) punish

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) acknowledge
- 12) poverty
- 13) prosperity
- 14) extremism
- 15) terrorism
- 16) boom
- 17) allegedly
- 18) unaudited
- 19) disappeared
- 20) odd

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