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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 30/09/13

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### SPEAKING

Think of three sports associated with fitness. 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) Sum up what is CrossFit?
- 2) What are the CrossFit Games?
- 3) Name the founder.
- 4) Name three programmes you might do in CrossFit.
- 5) What might you do on a Monday?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Who is not the fittest on earth?
- 2) What sport do you do on a Wednesday?
- 3) Do Crossfitters do the sport on their own?
- 4) Can you take part in competitions?
- 5) Where is CrossFit popular?

**Category: Sport / Fitness / CrossFit**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

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

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – think of three sports you do and three you might like to take up. Write them below.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three reasons to do sport. Add three negative reasons. Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

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

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – Talk about what other aspects of CrossFit you know about. *Use the internet to help you!* 5 mins.

**The teacher** will choose some students to hear their discussions.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Had you heard of CrossFit before today's lesson?
- 3) Will you be taking up CrossFit?
- 4) Why is CrossFit popular?
- 5) Is CrossFit a sport? Explain.
- 6) Why do some people say CrossFit isn't a sport?
- 7) Is CrossFit not just a money-making franchise?
- 8) Why is CrossFit good for you?
- 9) Give two good reasons for joining a CrossFit program.
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the Fitness FM radio studio. Today's interview is: 'CrossFit – Is it a sport? What sort of sport?'

- 1) Someone who does CrossFit.
- 2) A sports journalist.
- 3) You.
- 4) A non-sports person.

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

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* You are in a gym in your town/city. Start a conversation about: 'CrossFit. 5 mins.

### SPEAKING - SPORT

*Groups* – 20 things about sport. 5 mins.

**The teacher** will choose some groups to hear their findings in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

*Allow 10 minutes* – As a class.

*Discuss the following...*

*Keeping fit today*

**or**

*CrossFit – Is it a sport or not?*

**The teacher** can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Do you know anyone who does CrossFit?
- 3) Do you have a CrossFit group of people in your town/city?
- 4) What sports have you done this week?
- 5) Are you a seasonal sports person?
- 6) What sport do you like to do at the weekend?
- 7) When did you last go swimming or cycling?
- 8) When did you last do some gymnastics?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## GAP FILL: READING

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**effective / fitness / intensity / progression / powerlifting / certainly / broad / trainer**

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(6)\_\_\_ there is the (7)\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_ or two to take part in. When you are good you can take part in the CrossFit Games that test who is the fittest on Earth.... I can tell you it is not me!

**naturally / endurance / communal / odd proper / measurable / competition / meaningful /**

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**of / at / it / as / in / you / but / an**

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**Which / when / thus / there / that / over / might / your /**

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

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## WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board** - *In pairs/small groups* – 20 different sports. Discuss them together. Which do you do? Which do you like? Which do you watch? Etc...5 mins.

**The teacher** will choose some groups to hear their findings in front of the class.

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

- 1) Sport \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I like to \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) CrossFit \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **CrossFit**. Your email can be read out in class.

### GAP FILL READING

- 1) powerlifting
- 2) broad
- 3) fitness
- 4) effective
- 5) progression
- 6) trainer
- 7) certainly
- 8) intensity

### ANSWERS

- 1) meaningful
- 2) measurable
- 3) communal
- 4) endurance
- 5) proper
- 6) naturally
- 7) odd
- 8) competition

### SPELLING

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

- 1) intensity
- 2) meaningful
- 3) measurable
- 4) community
- 5) together
- 6) thus
- 7) endurance
- 8) specific
- 9) volume
- 10) ensure

### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) typical
- 12) naturally
- 13) competition
- 14) swimming
- 15) activities
- 16) fitness
- 17) effective
- 18) progression
- 19) lifestyle
- 20) prioritizing

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