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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 20/02/17

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the American President Donald Trump. 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) Who is Mike Pence?
- 2) How many presidents of the USA were there before Donald Trump?
- 3) What is booming?
- 4) Name the countries on the travel ban that was halted.
- 5) What is the Dow Jones Industrial?

Student B questions

- 1) What does CEO mean?
- 2) Who did Donald Trump meet?
- 3) Where is the wall Donald Trump wishes to build?
- 4) What did Donald Trump promise?
- 5) Who is Hillary Clinton?

Category: USA / American President / Donald Trump
Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – think of three positive things about Donald Trump. Write them below. Discuss!

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

Add three negative things about Donald Trump. Talk about them!

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

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 3

Individually - prepare to speak for one minute to the class about Donald Trump. *Allow five minutes to prepare what you will say.*

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 4

In pairs - *Student A* is an American. *Student B* is from the Middle East. The topic is the travel ban that the judge overturned. *3 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Originally, what did you think of Donald Trump? Explain.
- 3) What do you think of Donald Trump so far? Explain.
- 4) Is Donald Trump doing everything you expected? Explain.
- 5) Is Donald Trump living up to your dreams? Explain.
- 6) Are you disappointed with Donald Trump? Explain.
- 7) Is Donald Trump the right man for the job? Explain.
- 8) Should Hillary Clinton have been president? Explain.
- 9) Is Mike Pence doing a good job? Give some examples.
- 10) Have you learnt anything today?

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 about: *What do you think of Donald Trump so far?*

- 1) Someone from Mexico.
- 2) Someone from the USA.
- 3) Someone from Europe.
- 4) Someone from the Middle East.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In groups - Discuss some of the new American administration's policies. Do you agree with them? How will they affect America? Will we see the American Dream continue? Will America's infrastructure be rebuilt?

SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

<p style="text-align: center;">What do you think of Donald Trump so far?</p>

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What do you think of the travel ban Donald Trump introduced that was stopped by a federal judge?
- 3) If you were someone from one of the seven countries on the travel ban, how would you have felt?
- 4) Will new jobs be created in the USA?
- 5) Will Obamacare be kicked out and replaced? Explain.
- 6) Will Donald Trump build the wall between Mexico and the USA?
- 7) Will America become isolationist and protectionist? Explain.
- 8) Will Donald Trump make America great again? Explain.
- 9) Do you love Donald Trump or do you hate him? Explain.
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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conference / deputy / crisis / dreams / discuss / press / media / vice

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sectors / booming / upset / border / highs / indices / ban / especially

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

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WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list **20 different things about Donald Trump and his family**. Explain what they do, etc. *Five minutes. Talk briefly about each of them.*

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

- 1) Donald Trump _____
- 2) I think _____
- 3) The new president _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *What do you think of Donald Trump so far?* Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***What do you think of Donald Trump so far?***

SPELLING

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

- 1) discuss
- 2) crisis
- 3) everything
- 4) ban
- 5) deputy
- 6) upset
- 7) initiated
- 8) Yemen
- 9) Libya
- 10) Syria

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) indices
- 12) technology
- 13) airline
- 14) judge
- 15) booming
- 16) stock
- 17) politics
- 18) disappointed
- 19) dreams
- 20) Somalia