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There are some great places to visit while in East Anglia. Audley End house and gardens near Saffron Walden is a must for visitors to look around. Colchester Zoo is a super place for the kids. There is the Imperial War Museum at Duxford with its fine collection of tanks, aircraft and military vehicles. Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens is great for all to see, as is Great Yarmouth Sea Life Centre. For a good family day out try the Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park near Lowestoft. There is Colchester castle! In fact, Colchester in Essex is Britain's oldest recorded town. It was the seat of Warrior Queen of Icenic Bodeca. Once she was defeated it became capital of the Roman colony of Britannia. Nearby is Dedham, a quaint village that's known as Constable country – John Constable the painter lived here.

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Long Melford in Suffolk is famous for its antique shops. In Cambridge visit its university. While there, take a punt along the river Cam in Cambridge or see King's College. Other places worth seeing include Britannia Pier Great Yarmouth, Ely Cathedral, Hatfield Forest and Newmarket Race Course.

Throughout East Anglia there are many super restaurants and pubs serving real ale. The region has many types of accommodation including some super B&B's, guest houses and country hotels. The region also has many caravan and holiday parks. East Anglia has plenty to engage the visiting tourist and families who are looking for a fun filled holiday. Many of these holiday resorts have piers to stroll along, some with fairgrounds, as well as having super beaches. In summer there is the traditional show in the theatre at the end of these piers. Try a fish and chip supper.

The name East Anglia actually came from one of the ancient Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms, the Kingdom of the East Angles. This kingdom consisted of Norfolk (the North People) and Suffolk (the South People). The regions boundaries were fairly vague. Thetford Forest being between the two. The area is noted for fens, reclaimed marshland. The kingdom was formed in 520 with the merging of the two groups. In 870 it was taken by the Danes who renamed it East Anglia. In 920 the Saxons retook it briefly. It fell to Canute the Great in 1015. After the Norman conquest more formal boundaries were drawn up. Because of its farming, the area prospered - up until the industrial revolution when farming declined rapidly. During World War Two the area saw many air bases opened by the Royal Air Force.

Norwich in Norfolk is the largest city in East Anglia. It's home to the University of East Anglia, Norwich City football team and Norwich castle. Ipswich in Suffolk is the county town of Suffolk. It is famous for its football team Ipswich Town. The county town of Essex is Chelmsford, a commuter town. Radio was invented here by Marconi. It is where Essex County Cricket Club play cricket. East Anglia has many delightful smaller historic market towns like Saffron Walden, Bury St Edmunds, and Sudbury. The region also has many picturesque villages such as Finchingfield, Felsted, famous for its public school, and Thaxted in Essex, and Ashwellthorpe, New Buckenham and Mulbarton in Norfolk. Names using the Anglia name include Anglia Television, Anglia Ruskin University (Chelmsford and Cambridge) and Anglian Water. Regional airports include London Stansted airport and Norwich International airport.

EXERCISES

1. East Anglia: Briefly, what three things do you know about East Anglia? Where is it? What is it famous for? Go round the room swapping details.

2. Geography: East Anglia: Where is East Anglia? What counties make up East Anglia? What sea surrounds it? Draw a map on the board then **look on Google maps** to help you.

3. 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!

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

5. 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.

6. 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?

7. Let's think! Think of five towns/cities to visit in East Anglia. Then add five seaside resorts to visit in East Anglia. Write them below. Explain to your partner why you chose these. Discuss what you know about each of them.

Five towns/cities to visit in East Anglia	Five seaside resorts in East Anglia
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.

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

9. Let's visit East Anglia! One of you is a tourist, the other a tourist information assistant. The tourist has arrived in London and is considering visiting East Anglia. The tourist information assistant advises further. *5 minutes*.

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10. Let's think! Think of five places to visit for adults in East Anglia. Then add five places that are suitable for kids. Write them below. Explain to your partner why you chose these. Discuss what you know about each of them.

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1	1
2	2
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The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

11. Let's talk! Radio East Anglia: *In pairs/groups.* You are in the Radio East Anglia studio. One of you is the presenter; the other student(s) is/are one the guests. Today's interview is: East Anglia. Try to get a balanced interview. *5 minutes.*

1	Tourist Information Officer	3	A tourist
2	Yourself	4	A journalist

The teacher will choose some pairs to tell their stories in front of the class.

12. 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) What happened in 520?
- 2) What happened in 1015?
- 3) What is Norwich famous for?
- 4) What is Chelmsford famous for?
- 5) Name the airports.

Student B

- 1) Where are the Norfolk broads?
- 2) Name the counties in East Anglia.
- 3) Name the seaside resorts in Essex.
- 4) Which seaside resort faces west?
- 5) Name three places worth visiting.

13. Let's write an e-mail: Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **East Anglia**. 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) East Anglia _____
- b) The East coast of England _____
- c) Cambridge _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Have you ever visited East Anglia? If yes, when? Where?
- 3) Would you like to visit East Anglia now you know something about it?
- 4) Do you think East Anglia has many mountains?
- 5) Would you consider going on holiday to East Anglia?
- 6) What can you recall about Norfolk?
- 7) What can you recall about Essex?
- 8) What three places might you like to visit in East Anglia?
- 9) Would you consider a holiday on the Norfolk Broads? Why? Why not?
- 10) Would you consider studying in East Anglia?

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) What can you recall about Suffolk?
- 3) What can you recall about Cambridge?
- 4) Think of three different types of accommodation you could stay at?
- 5) Think of three things you might do at the seaside.
- 6) Think of three historical events that took place in East Anglia.
- 7) What three places might you like to visit in East Anglia?
- 8) When did you last go to the Zoo? Which one?
- 9) Are you a rambler? Explain.
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING 1

Let's discuss: East Anglia

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

East Anglia – 20 places to visit

The teacher can moderate the session.

SPEAKING 2

Presentation: East Anglia

Allow 30 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

Prepare a short presentation on East Anglia

The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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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	traditional	11	conquest
2	waterways	12	boundaries
3	dual carriageways	13	ancient
4	bypasses	14	piers
5	ramblers	15	plenty
6	quaint	16	accommodation
7	picturesque	17	throughout
8	rapidly	18	painter
9	stroll	19	coastline
10	punt	20	Victorian

LINKS

http://www.britainsfinest.co.uk/places-to-visit/things_to_do.cfm/searchregion/East%20Anglia/startrow/1/showall/yes
<http://www.visiteastofengland.com/accommodation/default.aspx>
<http://www.picturesofengland.com/mapofengland/east-anglia-map.html>
<http://www.tallowfactory.com/places-to-visit-east-anglia.php>
http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-q186268-Activities-East_Anglia_England.html
<http://www.farmstayanglia.co.uk/en/index.php?PHPSESSID=7qv5e6hj3b5r27fitmagpf4he3>
<http://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/explore-norfolk/norfolk-broads.aspx>

ANSWERS

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